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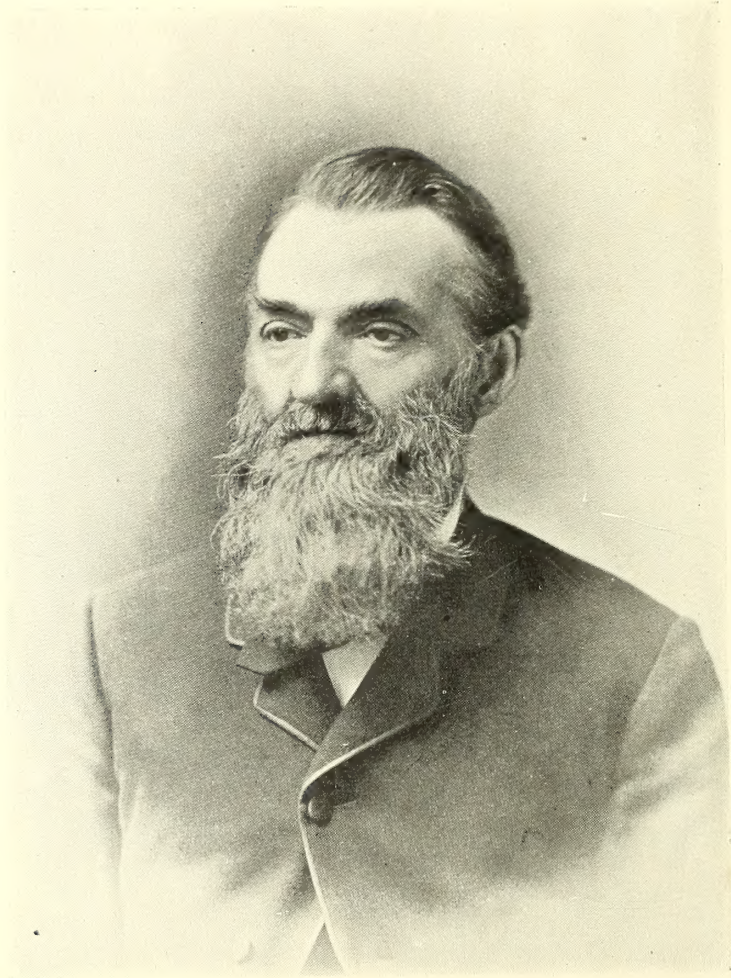
THE present age is happily awake to the duty of writing its own records, setting down what is best worth remembering in the lives of the busy toilers of to-day, noting, not in vain glory, but with an honest pride and sense of fitness, things worthy of emulation, that thus the good men do may live after them. The accounts here rendered are not of buried talents, but of used ability and opportunity. The conquests recited are of mind over matter, of cheerful labor directed by thought, not of shrewdness in getting "something for nothing," but of honest, earnest endeavor which subdues the earth in the divinely appointed way.

While the plan of the work did not call for minute genealogical research, we have gladly made use of such data for filling out family histories as have been furnished us, and in numerous cases have verified or corrected and extended the same by consultation of standard authorities. In these pages we have briefly chronicled the life-stories of descendants of some of the first settlers of New England, progenitors who have a claim on what a wise speaker has termed "a moral and philosophical respect which elevates the character and improves the heart"; passengers in the "Mayflower of a forlorn hope," and others who came in ships that closely followed in her wake, as the Fortune, the Lion, the Mary and John; representatives, too, of later immigrants to the shores of Massachusetts Bay, imbued with the true Pilgrim spirit, together with stanch and progressive compatriots of foreign birth. It has seemed worth while to write and to publish these biographies, because, to borrow the words of an eloquent speaker, such men and women as are here commemorated "by their industrious toil and faithful citizenship have kept sweet the heart of New England civilization." Wherefore the book should commend itself as of more than passing interest and fleeting worth,—a volume to be prized by children's children. "The great lesson of biography," it has been said, "is to show what man can be and do at his best. A noble life put fairly on record acts like an inspiration."

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GEORGE A. ARMS.

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GEORGE ALBERT ARMS, whose portrait is herewith presented, was born in the old town of Deerfield, March 7, 1815. He is of the sixth generation born on the old homestead since William Arms — ancestor of all of this name in America — who bought it about the year 1695. Christopher Tyler Arms, George Albert's father, in his younger days wished to follow the sea, and for this purpose studied navigation; but, his parents wanting him to remain at home, he gave up his cherished plan, and became a farmer, engaging at the same time in various manufactures. He was also a well-known surveyor, and was thoroughly familiar with all the different boundary lines of the region. George Albert's mother was Avise Stebbins, daughter of Colonel Joseph Stebbins, of Deerfield, who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. History says of him, "He came to the front as a patriot leader at the outbreak of the Revolution, and was able to maintain his position." Avise, his fourth daughter, combined strength of character with soundness of judgment and keenness of humor.

When a mere child, George showed a taste for trade. Often the little fellow might have been seen trudging up the street to the busy storekeeper of the town to buy molasses. His long, thick hair was so strikingly noticeable

that the aged lawyer of the village said a pleasant "Good morning, Buffalo," as he passed one day. His clothes were of the plainest homespun, but the little "Buffalo" knew it not. His mind was intent on a business project; and his small bare feet ran faster as he came in sight of the store. Here he bought a quart of molasses for twelve and a half cents: then, running home, he made it into thirty generous sticks of candy. These he sold for a penny a stick, thereby netting seventeen and a half cents on the quart. During summers in his boyhood George worked for his father, and winters he attended the town school and the Deerfield Academy. In 1829, when he was fourteen years old, his father decided to make his home in Canada, not far from his brother Daniel's. Here, on the shore of Brome Lake, we find the family struggling with poverty for four long years. Their house was a log cabin fourteen feet square. The loft where George slept was reached by a ladder. There was no lack of fresh air, for the wind blew in at the great cracks in the roof; and sometimes George found the buffalo skin he had spread over himself at night covered in the morning with a thick layer of snow. He helped his father in logging, in the making of salts, which were ultimately converted into pot and pearl ash, and in raising crops. Two winters he attended the Stanstead Academy, and worked for his board.

When eighteen, George returned to Deerfield, and that spring worked for his uncle Baxter, giving his earnings to his father. The following spring he farmed for Lawyer Pliny Arms, receiving thirteen dollars a month, and saved enough of this money to buy him a suit of clothes. The following autumn he decided to seek his fortune in Boston. Accordingly, we find him dressed in his drab home-spun and home-made suit, taking the rumbling stage, which passed through Deerfield on its way from Albany to Boston. Arriving in the city, he had only one dollar and twenty-seven cents in his pocket and no business. A relative offered him a home while he was trying to find a place. It was discouraging work, but every morning he started out with fresh courage. Finally, at the end of a fortnight, he let himself to a "dealer in groceries" for twenty-five dollars a year and board, with the privilege of accepting a better offer, should one be received. It turned out that this man sold more rum than groceries, so that the young clerk was glad to accept the position, which was offered four months later, of head clerk in a store on Chambers Street, with an increase in wages to one hundred dollars and board. The next year a still better offer was accepted from a dealer on Long Wharf.

Then came the terrible business crisis of 1837. Clerks were thrown out of employment by the thousand, and our clerk among the rest. He returned to Deerfield; but, instead of waiting idly for work he liked to do, he took up farming with a will. It was not long, however, before he heard of an opening with Benjamin B. Murdock, a general merchant of Northfield. He became his clerk on trial and afterward his book-keeper, receiving two hundred and fifty dollars a year. At the end of two years he decided to relinquish his posi-

tion, although his employer offered him an interest in the business if he would consent to remain. Mr. Murdock's methods of doing business were not satisfactory to him, and he therefore concluded not to become a partner. He went to Deerfield; but afterward, at the earnest request of Northfield friends, he returned, and opened a store of general merchandise. Necessary repairs on the building cost him four hundred dollars, leaving him in debt one hundred dollars. He at once bought his stock in Boston, commanding a credit of from four to five thousand dollars' worth of goods. By untiring industry and strict economy he was able to meet his payments promptly. He remained in Northfield ten years. Then in 1848, feeling that larger opportunities awaited him elsewhere, he sold out, and went to Columbus, Ga. On the way an amusing incident occurred. About thirty passengers, including Mr. Arms, left the boat at Savannah, and took a special train for Macon. There was only a single track running from the town, and this was laid in a most primitive fashion. The passengers on board soon found they had left the uncertain sea only to be thoroughly shaken on land. One could not attempt to drink a glass of water without having the contents shaken over one's self and the floor. The company was hungry, and Mr. Arms inquired of the conductor if there was any way of getting food. He replied that there was an old planter several miles ahead, and perhaps he would feed the travellers. Reaching the planter's house, everybody turned out; and the planter and his negroes went to work. In little over an hour enough hens for thirty people had been caught, killed, picked, and cooked. Negroes waited upon the travellers, and brushed the flies away. At last, having gained strength and good humor, the company paid the planter

for his poultry, and continued their journey. They had not gone more than half a mile when the train came to a sudden standstill. "The special" had run into a cotton train standing on the track, and the engine was disabled. In this predicament there was nothing to do but to wait till the train hands had "patched" the engine by means of sledge hammers and such other tools as were at hand. This was travelling in Georgia in 1848. While at the South, Mr. Arms came face to face with the accursed traffic in human beings; and from that time onward he was a stanch Abolitionist and a Republican of Republicans, although never an aspirant for public office.

No good opening for business offered, so that in the spring of 1849 he went West to find a brother whom he had not seen for many years. He left Columbus for New Orleans, where he took a boat up the Mississippi to Evansville on the Ohio. It was at the time the cholera was raging throughout the country. Many fell sick on the way, and one poor fellow died; while twenty-seven deaths had occurred on the boat that went up a fortnight before. Mr. Arms felt symptoms of the dread disease while helping to bury the man who had been its victim. He reached Evansville in a weakened condition, but with his usual determination he continued his journey in stages until its object was accomplished. The return to New England with his brother and family was made in a huge, covered wagon, provided with stove, cooking utensils, bedding, and other supplies, a full description of which would be a story in itself.

Mr. Arms's next business venture was at Bellows Falls, Vt., where he hired a store, which he stocked with men's clothing, hats, caps, boots, and shoes, and, after a profitable trade of one year, united with Norman Farr,

who kept general merchandise. The firm also engaged in the merchant tailoring business and the manufacture of ready-made clothing. At the end of three years he sold to his partner at a bargain, and started for Canada West, where a brother was employed in building bridges on the Coburg & Peterboro Railroad. During the spring of 1854 he assisted in the work of straightening a bridge which extended across Rice Lake, a distance of three miles, interrupted only by a small island near the centre. A portion of the bridge had been thrown over toward the island by the melting of the ice in the spring, the winter having been so severe that the ice around the piles was three feet deep. This work completed, and the plan for building stations along the Coburg & Peterboro Road failing, Mr. Arms engaged in stock-raising and farming in Deerfield for a year and a half. About the year 1855 he went to Ohio, and became interested in coal mining, previous to the completion of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad. He carried on a successful business until obliged to come East.

In March, 1859, while looking for a place in which to again enter mercantile life, he came to Greenfield, and purchased the stock of Messrs. Wells & Smead, general merchants. Here he soon developed an extensive trade in agricultural implements, seeds, and fertilizers, which he purchased direct, and disposed of in large quantities. He became the agent of Franklin County for the Waters Scythe, and in one year alone took orders for seven hundred dozen. He also secured the agency for the Granite State Mowing-machine, the leading machine of that time and this, and of Enoch Coe's Phosphates. Early and late he worked, driving through all the towns of the county, and taking orders of the storekeepers and farmers. Later he added the coal busi-

ness to his own, and, being already familiar with its details, carried the two on successfully for a number of years. There were many discouragements, many unexpected failures, and consequent heavy losses; but, in spite of these, he met his payments promptly, won confidence, and commanded a good credit. After conducting a profitable business for a period of twenty-two years, he sold out in 1882 to his two clerks, John Sheldon (his son-in-law) and Eugene Newcomb.

Mr. Arms has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded in 1844, was Eunice S. Moody, of Northfield. She became the mother of three children: Ellen L.; Jennie M.; and George L., who died in infancy. Ellen L., wife of John Sheldon, of Deerfield and Greenfield, has three children—two sons, both in business in the latter place, and one daughter, pursuing the study of languages in Paris. The second daughter, Jennie Maria, has been a teacher of natural science in Boston the past sixteen years. After the death of his wife in Ohio he returned East, and in 1859 married Mrs. Frances W. Childs, daughter of John F. Stearns, of Dummerston, Vt.

About the year 1876 Mr. Arms erected a handsome brick block for stores and offices, and in 1893 another—Columbus Block. He also owns three other blocks of stores and valuable resident property in Greenfield, besides the historic "Arms's Corner" in Old Deerfield. He is a Trustee of the Greenfield Savings Bank, of which he was one of the organizers. He has also been a Director of the successful Miller's Falls Manufacturing Company since its start. Mr. Arms's life is a practical illustration of the truth of his words of advice to the young: "If any young man or woman of average capacity is honest, industrious, persevering, and economical, he

or she will succeed; for honesty and economy command capital, and are the foundation of success."

LEVI GARDNER stands in the front rank among the prominent and prosperous business men that are identified with the industrial interests of Ashfield, which is the place of his nativity, his birth having occurred here, June 12, 1821. His father, Jacob Gardner, was born in Plainfield, Hampshire County, Mass., and there grew to manhood. He had natural mechanical ability, and learned the millwright's trade. He spent part of his life in Goshen, where he thrived for a time, and later engaged in business in Ashfield, running a grist-mill for many years. He also devoted some of his time to mechanical pursuits, and did a great deal of work in repairing mills and machinery in different localities. He died at the age of threescore and five. Jacob Gardner was a valued member of the Democratic party. In his religious beliefs he was liberal, interpreting the gospel according to the light of reason. He married Hannah Cook, who died in the fifty-sixth year of her age, leaving the following children: Bela, Elisha, Andrew, Nelson, Caroline, Reuben, and Levi.

Levi Gardner became early accustomed to hard work, being put out on a farm to live until fifteen years old, when he returned to the parental roof, and for the following four years assisted his father, becoming an expert in milling and mechanical arts. He subsequently went into business at Goshen with Samuel Ranney as a manufacturer of wood-work, such as broom handles and wood for baby carriages, the partnership continuing eight years. Mr. Gardner then sold his interest, and in company with his brother Elisha bought standing timber and a saw-mill

at West Cummington. For six years they engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber, working up a large trade therein. Then, selling out his share of the property, Mr. Gardner removed to Ashfield, where he and his brother Nelson bought a saw-mill and shop, and began the manufacture of wooden ware of various kinds, and also did a great deal of custom sawing. In 1871, selling out to Mr. Flower, he purchased an interest in a saw-mill at South Ashfield with John Sprague, who soon after disposed of his share of the property to Mr. Gardner's son, Jacob S. Gardner. The latter has since been an equal partner with his father, the firm being one of the leading manufacturing firms in the vicinity. Under their management the mill capacity has been greatly enlarged, new machinery has been put in, and they are carrying on an eminently successful business in sawing, planing, making shingles and laths, and doing custom sawing of all kinds. Like all business men, they have met with losses, one of the most serious having occurred April 23, 1895, when their large and well-equipped drying-house was burned to the ground. Through close application to business Mr. Gardner has accumulated a competency, and besides his mill property owns a good house and lot of two acres of choice land in South Ashfield.

Mr. Gardner was united in marriage in 1844 to Miss Marvilla Selden, who was born in 1823, and died in 1888, after a happy wedded life of more than twoscore years, leaving one son, Jacob S., now in partnership with his father, as before mentioned.

In politics Mr. Gardner has the courage of his convictions, and votes independent of party lines. He represented his constituents in the legislature in 1871; and during his residence in Ashfield he has ever evinced a warm interest in local progress and improvement, serving

acceptably in the various town offices. He is at present Treasurer and Director of the Ashfield Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In religion, as in other matters, he is broad and liberal in his views.

ALONZO M. RICE, Treasurer and Business Manager of the Arms Manufacturing Company, South Deerfield, Mass., was born at Conway, May 22, 1846. His father, Daniel Rice, was a native of Hawley and the son of Daniel Rice, Sr., also of that town, who was a farmer and lived to the age of ninety years. Daniel Rice resided with his parents upon the ancestral farm until becoming of age, when he left home, and going to Conway worked for a time in the tool manufactory of that town, later moving to Greenfield, where he, in company with others, laid out the street which is now known as Conway Street, and was also interested in the Greenfield Tool Company. From Greenfield he removed to Springfield, where he became a master builder, being at the present time well known in connection with that business. He married Fanny D., daughter of Williams and Zilpah Toby, residents of Conway, and had two children, as follows: Alice, wife of Arthur Burt, of Springfield; and Alonzo M. The mother died at the age of thirty-three years, having been a member of the Second Congregational Church, Greenfield, of which her surviving husband is also a member. Alonzo M. Rice passed his childhood in Conway and Greenfield, commencing in the latter place his education, which he completed at Burrett's English Classical Institute in Springfield, and at the age of eighteen enlisted for ten months' service in the Civil War. After the expiration of his term of enlistment he was discharged at Boston, and, subse-

quently returning to Springfield, he pursued a course at Burnham's Business College. In 1867 he came to Deerfield as book-keeper for the late Charles Arms, then proprietor of the Arms Pocket-book Manufactory; but, after spending a year in that position, he again returned to Springfield and was book-keeper for Rice, Wight & Co., with whom he remained ten months. Once more entering the employ of Mr. Arms, he continued with him as book-keeper for fifteen years; and then he became travelling salesman. On the incorporation of the stock company after the death of Mr. Arms, he was tendered the position of treasurer and general manager, which he has occupied since 1888. This company are extensive manufacturers of all kinds of Russia seal and Turkey morocco pocket-books, calf and sheep wallets, bill books, card and letter cases, these goods being disposed of throughout the entire country. The enterprise of the concern increases rather than decreases by age, and Mr. Rice's energy and business ability have largely been the means of maintaining the company's extensive business and keeping their products up to the usual high standard of excellence.

In 1869 Mr. Rice wedded Marie A. Arms, daughter of William S. Arms, of Springfield, she having been her father's only child by his first marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Rice have two children: Mabel A., who is now attending school in Greenfield; and Edward A., who resides at home. Mr. Rice is a Republican in politics, but not an aspirant for office, preferring to devote his leisure time to objects of philanthropy, and has been a Trustee of the Smith Charities one year. He is a member of the Knights of Honor; and both himself and wife attend the Congregational church, of which he is a Deacon. He was for many years superintendent of the Sunday-school,

in which Mrs. Rice is a teacher; and he still holds the office of church treasurer.

ERASTUS SPEAR, who is living retired from the active pursuits of life, is one of the highly esteemed and respected citizens of the town of Orange, where the major part of his life has been passed, his birth having occurred in this town, May 5, 1836, at the home of his parents, Isaac and Laura (Haskins) Spear. His grandfather, Silas Spear, was an early settler of this place, removing from Medway to Franklin County, and here buying a farm, which he improved and developed to a high state of culture. He was a man of excellent principles and judgment, in course of time amassing considerable property. He lived to the advanced age of fourscore years. On attaining his majority he became identified with the Whig party, and on the formation of the Republican party became a stanch defender of its principles. He married Rebecca Thayer, who bore him eleven children; namely, Eliza, Mary, Isaac, Silas, Caleb, Erastus, Abigail, John, Lucinda, Henry, and Susan.

Isaac Spear was a native of Orange, born on the family homestead, on which he worked with diligence until reaching man's estate, when he commenced making shingles by hand, the best, if not the only, way then known. Subsequently becoming proficient in the blacksmith's trade he removed to Wendell, where he worked several years. Returning to the place of his birth, he bought the blacksmith-shop now owned by his son, and worked at his chosen occupation as long as his health would permit, retiring from business some time before his decease. He lived to be fourscore and two. His first wife, who passed to the better land in the sixtieth year of her age,

was Laura Haskins, a daughter of Nathan Haskins. She bore him six children; namely, Wilson, Erastus, Frank, James, Luther F., and Isaac. After her death he married Mrs. Eliza Johnson, who was related to the Haskins family. In politics Isaac Spear was a sound Republican.

Erastus Spear received the educational privileges granted by the district schools of his native town. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade of his father; and, with the exception of three years spent in manufacturing brick at Athol, he has worked at the forge, adding to that the business of a wagon-maker, his plant being still located on East Water Street, as in his father's days. In 1893 Mr. Spear retired from active work, having accumulated through diligent application and the exercise of excellent business judgment a competency. He has dealt to some extent in real estate, and is now the owner of four dwellings in Orange and of a portion of the old homestead of his parents. Politically, Mr. Spear has followed the faith of his ancestors, espousing the cause of the Republican party. Socially, he is a member of the Orange Lodge of Red Men.

When twenty years old Mr. Spear was united in wedlock with Miss Elsie D. Ellis, a native of New Salem, the daughter of Artemas and Lucy Ellis. Mr. Ellis was a prosperous farmer, and also worked at the trade of a stone mason. He lived to the advanced age of seventy-seven years. His wife died at the age of threescore and three. They were the parents of six children: Henry, Mary A., Franklin A. Ellis, M.D., L. Angelina, Sarah J., and Elsie D. Although the wedded pathway of Mr. and Mrs. Spear has been usually bright and cheery, one great sorrow has been theirs, their first child, Leslie E., born June 15, 1858, having died of heart disease in

March, 1895. He was a mechanic by trade, a man of most exemplary habits and of high moral principles, being everywhere respected and beloved for his many fine qualities. He married Stella M. Bridges; and they had one child, Clara L. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have one other child, Clara J., born May 16, 1864, who married Arthur Bridges, of Orange, a railway conductor, and is the mother of one child, Edith J. Bridges.

WILLIAM A. FORBES, a prominent dry-goods merchant of Greenfield, Mass., and one of the oldest business men of the town, was born at Buckland, in the western part of Franklin County, on May 13, 1836. His father, Captain William Forbes, was born at Buckland in 1802, his grandfather, Edward Forbes, who originally came from Bridgewater, Plymouth County, having settled there in 1785.

Edward Forbes was a volunteer soldier in the American Revolution, serving throughout the entire struggle for independence; and, while occupying a responsible position on board a man-of-war, he received a serious wound, which injured him for life. He was a highly intelligent and well-educated man, being a thoroughly competent surveyor, and used to teach a class in mathematics at his home during the winter season, together with penmanship, in which he also excelled. He was a pioneer in the Methodist faith, the first religious services of that denomination in the locality having been held in his barn; and the famous preacher, Lorenzo Dow, often found a resting-place in front of his fireside. Mr. Edward Forbes was the first to rebel against the church tax, and stood forth strong and unflinching in defending his religious belief. His wife, whose maiden name was Eunice

Amsden, and who was a native of Deerfield, belonging to a prominent family, was brought up in Conway.

They had two sons and one daughter, the first-born, Abner, who entered Williams College in 1812, from which he was graduated after having pursued the regular course, became a prominent educator at Boston. Although a Garrisonian, he believed in educating the African race separately, and had charge of the colored school. He also conducted a large printing establishment, figuring as an editor and publisher, and enjoyed the reputation of being an interesting writer under the *nom de plume* of Senex. He was a decidedly marked character of his day, and a famous relator of stories and anecdotes. He died at Conway in 1878, aged eighty-seven years; and his remains were laid to rest in Buckland. His son, Frank Forbes, was a Director of the Hoosac Tunnel, is now, and has been for the past forty years, a reporter of the State Senate, and is prominent in Boston as a journalist. During the Civil War he was in charge of railroads under General Haupt, and ranked as Colonel.

Sarah, the second child of Edward Forbes, was a talented lady and a successful teacher. She became the wife of the Rev. Robert Travers, of New York City, a Methodist clergyman, who was one of the first preachers of that denomination at Buckland; and they had two sons, Robert and Edward, the former an Episcopal clergyman and the latter a lawyer. Captain William Forbes was a well-to-do farmer, having inherited the farm which his father, Edward, had cleared and improved. His death occurred in 1840, in the same house in which he was born thirty-eight years before, and where he had passed his entire life. It was made from hewed timber, even to the rafters, and was destroyed by fire in Novem-

ber, 1891, after having stood over one hundred years. The ancestral farm, which consists of seventy acres, is now owned by Caleb E. Forbes. His widow, Eunice Sherman Forbes, who still survives, was born at Conway, April 19, 1808. She is the youngest and only survivor of eleven children, and comes of a long-lived race, being at the present time remarkably bright and active, although fast approaching her nineties. She resides at Conway with her daughter, Minerva A., wife of Carlos Bachelder. Of her five children, one died an infant, and the others are: Sarah H., wife of Lafayette Anderson, a farmer of Nebraska; Minerva A.; Caleb E., of Greenfield; and William A., of this sketch.

William A. Forbes was reared to farm life, and in his boyhood attended the district schools. He later pursued courses of study at the Conway Academy and the Williston Seminary at Easthampton, and at the age of sixteen years became a clerk for John Wells & Co. of the latter place, later filling a like position in Westfield. In 1860 he came to Greenfield, where he entered the employ of T. D. Root, a dry-goods merchant, and, after remaining as clerk for a period of seven years, became a partner in the business. On the death of the senior partner in 1871, Mr. Forbes succeeded to the business, having associated with him Mr. W. F. Root; but after three years of prosperity he retired from the firm and established himself alone in the same business, since which time he has conducted a most profitable trade, being at present one of the oldest business men in town.

On March 17, 1863, he wedded Miss Eliza Prentiss, daughter of Jarvis and Mary (Wells) Prentiss, of Greenfield, the former having died in 1844, aged about forty years, leaving a widow and two children. Mrs. Prentiss, now aged eighty-eight years, resides with her

daughter, Mrs. Forbes. Mr. and Mrs. Forbes have but one son, Frank P., who is now in business with his father. He married Miss Kate Talbot, of New York City, and has three sons, namely: Talbot; Leonard; and William A., who is yet an infant.

Mr. Forbes is a Director of both the Packard and Conway National Banks, Vice-President of the Greenfield Savings Bank, of which he is also chairman of the Financial Committee, and is a Director of the Greenfield Gas Company. He is a Democrat in politics, and was elected a representative to the legislature in 1883 from a Republican district. He is a Master Mason and a thoroughly successful business man. Mr. Forbes and his son reside respectively at 44 and 46 Ferrel Street, Greenfield.

MRS. NANCY D. GALE, a highly respected resident of Heath, widow of the late Daniel Gale, was born in the town of Rowe, and is the daughter of Joseph S. and Sarah (Angel) Dodge. Her father was a son of Joshua and Rhoda (Smith) Dodge, the former a native of Beverly, Mass., and a cooper by trade, who settled when a young man at Brimfield. Later he conducted a saw-mill and grist-mill at Whitingham, also owning a farm; and finally he sold his property there, and purchased a farm in the township of Rowe. He died in the latter place at the age of eighty-three. His first wife, who died at the age of fifty years, bore him two children: Joseph and Rhoda. His second wife, who was Mrs. Sally (Langdon) Cheney, died at the age of ninety-three years. Joshua Dodge was a Whig in politics. In his religious views he was a Unitarian. Joseph S. Dodge, Mrs. Gale's father, whose birth occurred at Rowe, June 19, 1794, resided on the old homestead during his active

life, and spent the last years with his sons in Illinois, where he died at the age of sixty-seven years. He was married March 2, 1815, to Miss Sarah Angel, who was born July 16, 1796. She was called to her final rest May 31, 1893. Joseph Dodge and his wife were the parents of the following children: Rhoda, Nancy, Sarah, Sarah J., John A., Eliza D., Joseph P., Ellen M., George C., and Mary F.

Nancy Dodge was united in marriage on May 24, 1843, to Daniel Gale, whose birth occurred at Heath on May 26, 1816. He was the son of Luther and Sally (Spooner) Gale, a more extended account of whose ancestors may be found in an article relative to the career of D. J. Gale, which appears elsewhere in this work. Daniel Gale resided with his parents until reaching manhood. He purchased a small farm upon the banks of the Connecticut River, in the vicinity of Springfield, which he cultivated for a period of ten years, and then moved to the town of Rowe, where he bought one hundred acres of land, upon which he resided the following seven years. He then sold that property for the purpose of buying another farm in the same town; and, after residing thereon six years, he removed to Dell, in the town of Heath, where he settled upon the estate which his widow now occupies. This farm, which consists of one hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land, was known as the Deacon Smith homestead for a period of seventy years. The residence was erected by Colonel Snow; and upon acquiring possession Mr. Gale built a carriage-house, and made other important improvements. Daniel Gale was a public-spirited man, and attained a position of prominence in the town government, serving as a Selectman, Assessor, School Commissioner, and Justice of the Peace; and he represented his district in the legislature during the season

of 1869. He was a Unitarian in his religious views, and Mrs. Gale also adheres to that liberal religious faith.

JAMES L. FARR, a farmer of Greenfield, was born in Windham, Vt., December 7, 1831, son of Micah and Sally (Stearns) Farr. His grandfather, Joseph Farr, who was a native of New Hampshire, followed the profession of a school teacher for a number of years, but later in life became a farmer. He died at Windham when forty-nine years of age, leaving a wife, who lived to a good old age. They were members of an Orthodox church, and in politics he was a Whig. They had nine children who grew up, only one of whom is now living, Iva N. Farr, residing in Westminster, Vt.

Micah Farr, son of Joseph, was born in Chesterfield, N.H., in March of the year 1800. He passed his boyhood days and early manhood in New Hampshire, but spent his maturer years in Windham, Vt., where he owned and worked a farm. He took an active interest in the affairs of the town and at various times held public offices. In his religious views he was liberal, and was an attendant of the Congregational church. He died at the age of sixty-one; and his wife, Sally (Stearns) Farr, born in Windham, Vt., in November, 1799, died at seventy-nine years of age. They had six children, four of whom grew to maturity; and three are now living. Martha died in 1861, thirty-one years of age; Almon died when a little over four years of age; Alfred, when not quite two years of age; James L. Farr is the eldest of those now living; George A. Farr now resides in Chester, Vt.; Sarah E. became the wife of R. W. Carpenter, and they reside in Westminster, Vt.

James L. Farr spent the early years of his

life in Windham, Vt., where he received his early education in the public schools. Until twenty-one years of age he lived at home, but then began farming for himself, purchasing one hundred acres of land in Windham, the first piece of property he ever owned, on which he lived for two years. After farming in his native town for nine years, he sold his place there, and, moving to Westminster, there bought a farm, on which he resided about two years; but, again selling out, he went to Grafton, Vt., and bought another farm, on which he lived two years. Selling this farm he returned to Windham, where he purchased a place on which he lived six years. From Windham he removed to South Vernon, Vt., where he rented land for three years, and then, in 1876, he moved to Greenfield; and, after renting land for seven years, in 1883 he bought the place where he now resides. Having disposed of his farm, he has in view the erection of a fine residence at no distant day.

He was married in 1856 to Mary H. Stiles, of Grafton, Vt. She died in October, 1871; and in May, 1873, he married Mrs. Julia (Dunklee) Banks, of Sunderland, Mass. Mr. Farr had two children by his first wife, and is the father of one by the present Mrs. Farr. Mary A., daughter of the first wife, died at the age of fourteen years. Myron J. Farr, his only son, a lumber dealer, resides in Greenfield. Vinnie M., the daughter by the second marriage, lives at home.

Mr. Farr and his wife are both members of the Congregational church, and in politics he is a Republican. While in Windham he served two years in the capacity of Assessor, and since coming to Greenfield has taken an active interest in all movements pertaining to the welfare of the town. Mr. Farr has retired from the hard work and active pursuits of the morning of life, and is spending the

afternoon of his days in the enjoyment of the fruits of his labors.

JAMES W. ADAMS, an extensive agriculturist and an active dealer in real estate, residing in the town of Orange, was born January 1, 1828, in New Salem, Franklin County, and is a son of Samuel and Arethusa (Whitney) Adams. His grandparents, Amos and Lydia (Adams) Adams, located in New Salem in 1795.

Of this branch of the Adams family the immigrant ancestor was John Adams, who settled in Cambridge, Mass., about 1650, and died there in 1706. He was a millwright by occupation and quite a well-to-do man. He left six children, namely: Rebecca, born in England; Mary; John; Joseph; Hannah; and Daniel. Joseph, the second son, born in Cambridge in 1657, died in 1701. He was a farmer, and after his marriage with Margaret Eames bought a farm in West Cambridge, where they reared their five children: Joseph, Daniel, Cherry, John, and Abigail. Their son Joseph, the second of that name, was born in West Cambridge in 1688, and died in 1774. He was a prosperous farmer and a man of influence, being active in politics and holding many of the town offices. He married for his first wife Rebecca Cutter; and they reared three children: Thomas, Joseph, third, and Margaret. Joseph Adams, third, was born in Cambridge, July 3, 1715, and died May 3, 1794. He was a thrifty agriculturist and one of the largest land-owners of his native town. He was Deacon of the church in Menotomy, now Arlington, and Selectman four years. The maiden name of his wife was Hannah Hall. She bore him ten children, as follows: Thomas, Rebecca, Susanna, Mary, Nathan, Joel, Amos, Daniel, Abigail, and Ann.

Amos Adams, the paternal grandfather of James W., of whom we write, was born August 23, 1765, twin with Joel, and lived in Cambridge the first thirty years of his existence. Removing then to Franklin County he purchased two hundred acres of wild land in the town of New Salem; and this he partially cleared and placed under cultivation, further improving it by the erection of substantial buildings. He was highly respected as a man and as a citizen, being among the foremost in political matters. He was also an active worker in religious circles, being Deacon of the Congregational church. He lived to the ripe age of seventy-eight years. His good wife survived him, attaining the age of eighty-six years. They reared a large family of children; namely, George, Amos, Samuel, James M., Nancy, Lydia, Hannah, Betsey, and Maria.

Samuel Adams, the third son of Amos, was born on the paternal homestead at New Salem, September 25, 1805, and was reared to farming pursuits. He inherited the farm from his father; but he subsequently sold a part, purchasing another adjoining, on which he made many improvements, and carried on lumbering in addition to tilling the soil, becoming one of the leading business men of the town. In him the Republican party found one of its most faithful adherents, and he filled satisfactorily the offices of Assessor and Selectman for several years. He was, likewise, one of the Directors of the Springfield & Athol Railway Company, holding the office until his death, October 30, 1871. His wife, who bore him three children—James W., Lydia A., and Sarah E.—lived to the advanced age of eighty-two years.

James W. Adams completed his school life at the New Salem Academy, and when ready to establish himself in life assumed charge of

the home farm, which he managed successfully for two years. Following the star of empire westward, in 1857 Mr. Adams went to Michigan, settling in Deerfield, Lenawee County, where he bought a farm, on which he lived six years. He then enlisted in the Eighth Michigan Infantry for three years as a musician, playing the B-flat cornet, and at the expiration of six months was discharged by general orders, along with a large number of bands, from the army. He then came East on a visit, and while here engaged with J. Wiley at Cooleyville in the manufacture of palm-leaf hats and in general mercantile business. He manufactured hats for two years at Prescott, making them on contract for other parties; and in the succeeding three years he was engaged in mercantile business at Bond's Village, in the town of Palmer, Hampden County. Returning then to his native county, Mr. Adams bought the W. Reynolds farm, containing fifty-three acres of choice land, finely located, south of Orange; and here in 1886 he erected a commodious brick residence and two conveniently arranged barns, and has carried on general agriculture with excellent success. As a dealer in real estate he has exhibited energy and enterprise, having laid out fourteen acres in village lots, many of which he has sold. He has also built several houses, some twenty-three in all; and of this number he has but seven now remaining, they having met with a ready sale. Mr. Adams is the possessor of five hundred acres of land in New Salem, including the original homestead property of his paternal grandfather.

On Thanksgiving Day in November, 1848, Mr. Adams was united in marriage with E. Augusta Cleveland, who was born at Rutland, Mass., March 18, 1826, a daughter of Shubael and Abigail (Jewell) Cleveland, the former a well-known shoemaker. Mrs. Adams passed

to the spirit world June 17, 1871, leaving seven children, namely: Emma F., born August 3, 1849; John C., born January 15, 1855; Walter J., born June 16, 1859, who married May Clark, and is the father of two children—Elmer and Marjory; James S., born June 13, 1863, who married Lulu Bassett, and has three children—Vera M., Lucinda I., and Emma A.; Albert J. and Arethusa W., twins, born October 4, 1869; and Abbie A., born April 28, 1871. After the death of his first wife Mr. Adams married Miss Emily Jilson, who was born in Richmond, N.H., March 5, 1842. She is a most estimable woman and a home-keeper in the truest sense of the word.

Politically, Mr. Adams is a stanch Republican. He has served with credit in many of the town offices, having been Selectman, Assessor, and a member of the School Committee. Socially, he is prominent in Grand Army of the Republic circles, belonging to Orange Post, No. 17; and he is also an active member of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

MATTHEW CHAPMAN, a retired manufacturer of Greenfield, Mass., was born in Sterlingshire, Scotland, September 10, 1814. His father, Joseph Chapman, a manufacturer of garden utensils and cutlery, was a native of Yorkshire, England, born in the vicinity of the famous cutlery manufacturing city—Sheffield. He removed to Scotland, where he engaged in business, and subsequently married Margaret Baird, a farmer's daughter, their union being celebrated in the year 1788. They raised a family of eight children, all of whom eventually presided over families of their own.

Matthew Chapman, who was one of three brothers, received a practical education in the

common English branches of study; and acquired his father's trade, after which he left home, being naturally attracted to Sheffield, where he worked for some time, gaining much knowledge and experience relative to the art of manufacturing fine cutlery. In 1841 he crossed the Atlantic, arriving at New York on August 12, 1841, after a passage of five weeks and two days upon an American vessel named the "Stephen Whitney," which was commanded by Captain Popham, a son of the Revolutionary soldier, General Popham.

Mr. Chapman started in the world without any great amount of cash capital, but, being an expert workman at his trade, he was able to command good wages, and came to this country provided with means sufficient to defray the cost of his return passage, in case he should find himself unfavorably impressed with the United States and dissatisfied to remain here; but, although he has since made several visits to the old country, he has never had the desire to reside there permanently. He originally intended to locate at Pittsburg, Pa., where his cousin lived; but, meeting in New York Nathaniel Russell, a brother of John Russell of the well-known cutlery company, after an interview of some length he decided to enter the employ of that concern, which was then conducting a comparatively small business. He commenced by doing piece work; and, being a strong, active man, skilled in his trade, he became of great value to the Russells, and soon received a salary of one thousand dollars per year. During the long period of business prosperity enjoyed by the Russell Company he was advanced from time to time to higher positions of responsibility and trust, each step being seasoned with a further recognition of his services and worth, until he at length received a salary of twenty-five thousand dollars per annum.

Aside from his duties with the Russells, he established a factory for the manufacturing of edged tools and fine table cutlery of a superior quality, in which he employed twenty men, the products finding a ready sale throughout the United States; and during the past thirty years he has perfected and received patents upon thirteen valuable improvements.

On July 26, 1845, Mr. Chapman married his first wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Gaines, and who was born in Guilford, Vt., daughter of Samuel and Martha (Ather-ton) Gaines. Their union was blessed with four children, as follows: Jeannie, who married Charles Lord, of Kennebunk, Me., and died, together with an infant son, on February 9, 1868, aged twenty-two years; Francis Russell Chapman, who resides in Boston, having a wife and two daughters—Jennie L. and May H.; William M., who is a travelling man; and Lizzie Baird, wife of Walter Newell Snow, a bank official in Greenfield, who has one child—Galen Snow. After thirty-five years of wedlock Mr. Chapman was called to mourn the loss of his wife, Elizabeth, who died on July 26, 1880, at the age of fifty-eight years; and ten years later, on December 21, 1890, he married for his second wife Miss Sarah J. Chapin, also of Guilford, Vt., daughter of Nathan P. and Abigail (Hubbard) Chapin, her parents being now deceased. Her father was Justice of the Peace over fifty years, and during that time officiated at the union of more than two hundred couples, including that of Mr. Chapman with his first wife. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman reside at 161 Main Street, where the former has lived for over forty years; and in his retirement he now has leisure to indulge his taste for books and reading, which, in common with so many of his countrymen, he possesses in a marked degree. Mr. Chapman was formerly a Director

of the Turner's Falls Bank, and has been a Trustee of the Greenfield Bank since its organization. He has advanced in Masonry to the Knight Templar degree, or Commandery, having been a member of the craft for more than forty years. He voted with the Free Soilers for Martin Van Buren in 1849, but has been a Republican in politics since the formation of that party, and, although not an aspirant for office, was a candidate for Representative to the legislature in a very closely contested election, which resulted in the counting in of his Democratic opponent. His life has been one of useful and honorable activity and thoroughly successful, much of the prosperity of the Russell Company having been due to his skill and energy. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman are members of the Congregational church, and he has for many years been active in Sunday-school work.

EDWARD WRIGHT, a successful and highly intelligent farmer of Rowe, Franklin County, was born in Windsor, Mass., October 11, 1840, son of Philo and Harriet (Wells) Wright. His grandfather, Aschel Wright, who was a native of Connecticut, removed to Windsor, Mass., where he became the owner of several hundred acres of land, owning at one time the whole of Windsor Hill, Berkshire County. In political matters he supported the Whig party. He was a man of enterprise and public spirit, and served in several prominent town offices. His children were: Worthington, Aschel, Uriel, Erastus, Clark, Julius, Mary, Philo, and Maria.

Philo Wright was born in Windsor, Mass. He became the owner of a portion of the old home farm, which he cultivated with success, but afterward sold it, and removed to West

Cumington, where in 1865 he purchased a home and retired from business. He was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, whose ranks he then joined. He rendered acceptable service as Town Clerk several years and also as Trial Justice. His wife, Harriet Wells Wright, bore him eight children: Harriet, Clark, Julia, Jane, Julia A., Henry C., Edward, and Martha.

Edward Wright remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he secured a position in Hudson, Mass., as clerk in a general store, where he remained until he came to Rowe. In this place he purchased the Dr. Gould farm, which contains one hundred and twelve acres of land; and he has since successfully engaged in general farming, stock-raising, and dairying. On March 19, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Gould, daughter of Dr. Humphrey and Electa (Haynes) Gould. Dr. Gould, who was a very successful physician, was born in Topsfield, Mass. He was educated at Williams College, and began the practice of his profession in Danvers, Mass., but soon after removed to Rowe, where he entered into partnership with Dr. Haynes, his wife's father. He lived to be seventy-seven years old. His wife, Electa (Haynes) Gould, bore him two children: Electa, born August 15, 1828; and Hannah, born December 18, 1837.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Wright was also blessed by the birth of two children: Henry D., born January 18, 1872, who married Miss Grace Chilcott; and Lucius G., who was born February 3, 1875. Their mother died at the age of thirty-eight years. In January, 1877, Mr. Wright was again married to Miss Josephine A. E. Day, daughter of Stephen P. and Sarah E. (Darby) Day. The second Mrs. Wright died at forty-two years of age. Mr. Wright is independent in politics. He has



ELISHA ALEXANDER.

held various offices, and has rendered good service as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, as well as in other offices. At the present time he is Town Auditor, and for four years has served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

MRS. ADALINE M. D. ALEXANDER, of Northfield, widow of the late Elisha Alexander and daughter of Timothy and Adaline (Maynard) Dutton, was born at the old Dutton homestead in the town of Northfield. Her great-grandfather, Timothy Dutton, was a native of Hebron, Conn., who settled at Northfield in 1796, and erected, on the land adjoining Mrs. Alexander's present home, a residence which was at that time the most elaborate house in the town, and which still stands in a good state of preservation. Mr. Dutton was a prosperous merchant, and occupied a prominent position in the community, holding different offices of public trust. He died in 1814, at seventy-eight years of age. His son, Timothy B. Dutton, Mrs. Alexander's grandfather, was born in Hebron, removed thence to Northfield, and, like himself, was an active and influential citizen. He died in 1821, at the age of forty-five years. (Further particulars in regard to the Dutton family may be found in the sketch of Miss Mary T. Dutton on another page.)

Mrs. Alexander's father, Timothy Dutton, who was born March 23, 1805, passed his boyhood in Northfield, and in early manhood went to Illinois, settling in Edgington, Rock Island County, where he became identified with public affairs, and served as Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace for many years. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife was a daughter of John Maynard, of Leominster, Mass; and she had four children,

of whom Adaline M. (Mrs. Alexander) and Mrs. Lucy Woodruff, widow of the late Samuel Woodruff, of Hartford, Conn., are the only survivors. The mother died at the age of twenty-seven years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Adaline M. Dutton was educated in the schools of Northfield; and, after completing her studies at Groton, she taught in the schools of Massachusetts and Illinois. In 1872 she was united in marriage to Mr. Elisha Alexander, son of Major Elisha Alexander and a representative of a prominent Northfield family. The first of this name in the records of the town was George Alexander, who was born in Scotland, and who, coming to New England, settled in Windsor, Conn., before 1644; removed to Northampton, Mass., in 1655, and to Northfield in 1673. Several of his descendants saw active service in the early Colonial wars and in the Revolution. The late Mr. Alexander was a successful agriculturist. He was a Republican in politics, and served as a Selectman and Deputy Sheriff and in other positions. His death occurred in 1876, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. Alexander was a philanthropist in the truest sense, and did a great deal for the community, the poor finding in him a friend at all times. His portrait shows the benevolent features of a good man, whose memory will long be gratefully cherished. He was an active member of the Congregational church, in which Mrs. Alexander is also an earnest worker.

RYMAN G. GOULD has been a resident of Shelburne since 1879, and within that time has placed himself among the solid men of the town, where he has been actively and prosperously engaged in his business as a farmer and dairyman, and

has improved a good farm. A native of Franklin County, he was born June 12, 1835, in Heath, being of good old Colonial stock. Both his maternal and paternal grandfathers served in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Gould's paternal grandfather, Eli Gould, removed from Amherst, his birthplace, to Heath during the early days of its settlement. He possessed the true patriot's spirit; and, although but a boy when the Concord fight and the battle of Bunker Hill occurred, he shortly enlisted as a private in defence of his country's liberty; but, being too young to enter the ranks, he was detailed to take charge of General Washington's horse. Later he was a shoemaker by trade, and continued at that employment through his years of activity, residing in Heath until his demise at the age of eighty-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Bernice Johnson, also lived to a ripe old age.

David Gould, son of Eli and father of him of whom we write, was born February 20, 1797, in Heath, where he spent his entire life, dying in 1869. He began the world as a poor boy, a farmer by occupation, and gradually acquired a good property. After working by the day until he had saved some money, he invested it in land, and before his death was the owner of a good farm, besides other property, all of which he had accumulated by his own industry. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Green, was a native of Williamstown, Mass., born November 24, 1802. The fruits of their union were twelve children, five of whom have joined the silent majority; namely, Mrs. Caroline Davenport, Henry D., Mrs. Sarah A. Hunt, George G., and Mrs. Frances A. Merrifield. The seven now living are: Bernice J., the wife of George S. Sage, of Greenfield; Hannah J., wife of Horace C. Cummings, of Amherst; Lyman G., the

subject of this sketch; Louisa E., wife of Hugh Maxwell, of Heath; Willard E., of Shelburne; Ann E., wife of Amos Temple, of Shelburne Falls; and Charles A., of Shelburne Falls.

Lyman G. Gould acquired a common-school education in the town of his nativity, and remained on the parental homestead until after the death of his parents, his mother having survived his father fourteen months. He was reared to agricultural labor, and made his first purchase of land in the town of Wendell, where he carried on mixed husbandry seven years, and was numbered among its most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. He was influential in politics, being a decided Democrat, and prominent in local affairs, having been Town Treasurer, Clerk, member of the School Board two years, and Postmaster while he was there. Moving from Wendell to New Salem, Mr. Gould lived there two years, coming thence to Shelburne in 1879 and buying the farm where he has since resided. It contains one hundred and sixty acres, which he has tilled with excellent success, his practical ability and good judgment assuring him continued prosperity. Within the last three years, however, his activities have been lessened by failing health.

Mr. Gould was married March 24, 1868, to Mrs. Roxanna O. Weed Kingsbury, who was born in Manchester, Vt., November 8, 1838. In early womanhood she married A. A. Kingsbury, who died, leaving her with two sons, Arnold O. and Oscar B. Kingsbury. Of her union with Mr. Gould one son has been born; namely, David O. Gould. During their residence in Shelburne Mr. and Mrs. Gould have established most pleasant relations with their neighbors and associates, and are held in high regard throughout the community, being esteemed for their modesty, probity, and gen-

uine worth. Religiously, he is a member of the Congregational church.

BENJAMIN CUMMINGS is classed among the intelligent and thoroughly wide-awake farmers who are contributing so much to the material prosperity of Franklin County, being the owner of a valuable farm in the town of Orange, where he makes a specialty of gardening and dairying. A son of Daniel and Nancy (Maccoley) Cummings, he was born in Leverett, a town on the southern border of the county, October 23, 1848. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Cummings, was a farmer in comfortable circumstances at Leverett, and lived to be fourscore years of age. He reared a family of five children: Luther, Daniel, Salisbury, Fanny, and Almira.

Daniel Cummings was born in Leverett, February 6, 1803, and was a life-long resident of that place, being a hard-working and prosperous agriculturist. After the death of his parents he bought the old homestead, to which he added many substantial improvements, rendering it one of the finest and best-cared-for estates in the locality. His wife was the daughter of Samuel Maccolley, who was long interested in farming pursuits in Wendell. She died at the age of thirty-five years, leaving the following children: Anna M., who married George Barnes, and both of whom died, leaving two children—Herbert and Ella Barnes; Benjamin, the subject of this brief sketch; and Ira L. The parents were worthy Christian people and faithful members of the Baptist church.

Benjamin Cummings received a limited education in the common schools of his native town, and at the early age of eleven years was put to work for Joseph Nourse, with whom he

lived four years. He subsequently continued general farming in Leverett, going from there to Hardwick after his marriage, and a short time afterward removing to Dana, where he carried on his chosen occupation for ten years. Then, after being similarly engaged for five years at Athol, Mr. Cummings migrated to Yonkers, N.Y., and for thirteen years carried on an extensive and profitable business in dairying and gardening. In 1893 he came to Orange, and, buying the one hundred and twelve acres of land included in the A. P. Rice farm, has since carried on general farming. In his large market garden he raises some of the finest and earliest vegetables of the season, the sale of which brings him in a good annual income; and his dairy, consisting of twenty choice cows, which are among the best in the State, and for which he has refused large prices, yields milk of so rich a quality that he has won a reputation for delivering to his customers, private families in Athol, the purest and best grade ever furnished to them.

In 1867 Mr. Cummings was united in marriage with Mary S. Peckham, who was born in Dana, Mass., December 4, 1847, a daughter of Archibald and Submit (Stone) Peckham. Mr. Peckham, a stone mason and farmer, was born in Petersham, Mass., March 12, 1820, and lived to the age of fifty-three years. He was twice married, his first wife, Polly Stone, dying young, and leaving him one child, Emeline, who married A. V. Fletcher, of Athol, and has two children: Edith L. and Carleton A. His second wife, the mother of Mrs. Cummings, was one of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, of Dana; namely, Prudence, Jerome, Ursula, Polly, Submit, Caroline, Fordyce, Charles, and two children that died in infancy. Of Mr. Peckham's second marriage there were five children, as follows:

Emery A., a farmer, living in Yonkers, N.Y., who married Emeline Hart, and has one child, George E. Peckham; Mary S., Mrs. Cummings; John, deceased; Nelson, a resident of Athol, who married Mary Howe; and Darius, residing at Worcester, Mass., who married Susie Peckham.

The wedded pathway of Mr. and Mrs. Cummings has been brightened by the advent of three children into their home, two of whom are living. The elder, Carrie, born May 14, 1868, in the town of Hardwick, is the wife of Nathaniel Lawrence, a progressive and prosperous farmer, living on an adjoining farm, and has two children: Harold and Lillian. The other, Edna L. Cummings, was born at Yonkers, N.Y., January 31, 1888. Their youngest child, the pet of the household, Alice, died at the tender age of one year. Mr. Cummings's course as a business man has demonstrated that he has excellent talent, and is clear-headed and far-sighted in the management of his affairs. In politics he is a decided Republican, and he is of liberal religious belief.

ADELRA H. WOOD, formerly assistant superintendent of the Griswoldville Manufacturing Company's cotton-mills, and now a prosperous merchant at Griswoldville, in the town of Colerain, was born at Rutland, Jefferson County, N.Y., December 22, 1850. He is a son of Eli A. and Nancy (Crook) Wood, both of whom were born at Champion, Jefferson County, N.Y., the former in 1823 and the latter in 1829. Mr. Wood's grandfather, John Wood, who was a native of Connecticut, was an early settler at Champion, journeying thither with an ox team and establishing his home in the wilderness at a time when but few

white people were there and Indians roamed through the forests, who were, however, friendly toward them. He erected a log house, and succeeded in clearing a good farm, upon which he resided for the remainder of his life. John Wood was a strong, energetic, and thoroughly upright man, known by his neighbors as honest John Wood. He was noted for his total abstinence from the use of alcoholic stimulants and tobacco, which has also characterized his descendants to the present day. Mr. Wood served throughout the War of 1812. Politically, he supported the old Whig party. He died at about the age of forty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Gardner, and who was also a native of Connecticut, was called to rest at the age of ninety-three. She was the mother of thirteen children, three of whom are now living in Lewis County, New York, namely: Arvin, who resides at Pinckney; Eli A., a farmer of Montague; and William, who resides at Harrisburg.

Eli A. Wood was reared to an agricultural life, and on attaining his majority settled in Jefferson County, where he followed farming and resided some years, later going to Lewis County, where he has passed the greater part of his life. He is a practical, progressive, and very successful farmer. Politically, he is a Republican. While residing in Jefferson County he married Nancy Crook, who faithfully performed the duties of wife and mother. She died on December 16, 1869, having raised a family of four children, three of whom are living: Arthur E., who acquired the trade of a silver and nickel plater, died in Springfield, Mass., at the age of thirty-eight; Adelra H. is the subject of the present sketch; Fannie is the wife of M. C. Harwood, a clerk in Swain's store at Charlemont, Mass.; and Carrie is the wife of A. J. Ashton, of Griswoldville.

Adelra H. Wood received his early education in the district schools of New York State, and at the age of fourteen went to work as a farm laborer at six dollars per month, working during the summer and attending school in the winter. At the end of three years he secured a position at Watertown, N.Y., with Candee & Wooley, clothing merchants, and remained three years. While in their employ he had the privilege of attending the high school, and to the kindly advice and influence of Mr. Candee he owes much for his steady habits and successful business career. Being ambitious to enter professional life, he studied medicine with Dr. Faudry, of Barnes's Corners, N.Y., for a period of eight months, but was obliged to relinquish this on account of nervousness. In November, 1871, he came to Griswoldville, and entered the employ of the Griswoldville Cotton Manufacturing Company as an operative. He was connected with this company twenty-three years, rising step by step, at length reaching the position of assistant superintendent, which he held for seven years. In October, 1894, in company with Mr. H. H. Dennison he purchased the company's store; and they are conducting a very profitable business, carrying the largest stock of general merchandise in the town and steadily maintaining their hold upon the public's patronage.

On April 2, 1873, he married Martha J. King, of Griswoldville, daughter of Jason W. and Sereptia (Hawkes) King, the former a native of Sunderland, Vt., the latter of Charlemont, Mass. Mr. Wood is a Republican in politics. He is a member of Alethian Lodge, No. 128, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls. His steady course, exemplary habits, and strict business integrity have won for him the esteem and confidence of his townsmen; and his long and honorable connection with the Griswoldville Manufactur-

ing Company places him in a prominent position in the community. To his abstinence from stimulants and tobacco he attributes his business success and a strong, vigorous constitution.

CHRISTOPHER C. WHEATON, a well-to-do farmer of Rowe, in the north-west corner of Franklin County, Mass., was born in the town of Warwick, in the north-eastern part of the county, July 22, 1848. He is a son of Samuel D. and Elmina T. (Fuller) Wheaton, residents of Warwick. His grandparents were Reuben and Abigail (Partridge) Wheaton, the former of whom was a native of Leicester, Mass., and the latter was a native of Medway, Mass. After residing at Leicester for a time, Reuben Wheaton purchased a large farm in Townshend, Vt., which he conducted very successfully. He subsequently sold his property in that town, and purchased a smaller farm at Warwick, Mass. But excessive labor had slowly but surely undermined his constitution, and he died at the age of fifty-two years. His wife was called to rest at the age of sixty-seven. Reuben Wheaton was a Republican in politics. He was a very active and energetic man, and, having been well educated himself, provided in a like manner for his children, by educating them liberally for whatever profession or occupation they chose to adopt.

Samuel D. Wheaton was born at Townshend, Vt., March 21, 1815, and was reared to an agricultural life. He purchased the family homestead at Warwick upon reaching manhood, and for years was engaged in the pursuit of agriculture. February 11, 1840, he married Elmina T. Fuller, of Winchester, N.H., daughter of Benjamin, Jr., and Dorothy (Bliss) Fuller, the former of whom was a native of the last-named town. The latter

was a native of Royalston, Mass. Benjamin Fuller was a son of Benjamin Fuller, Sr., who was born at Bridgewater, Mass., and settled upon a farm in Winchester, N.H., where he resided until his decease, which occurred at the age of sixty years. He was a Whig in politics. His wife, who was summoned from earth at the age of fifty-three years, became the mother of the following children: Daniel, Louise, Mehitable, Phebe, Sally, and Benjamin Fuller, Jr., Mr. Wheaton's maternal grandfather.

Benjamin Fuller, Jr., succeeded to the possession of the old homestead, the extent of which he later increased by the addition of one hundred acres, and became very prosperous. He finally sold the estate, and, purchasing a much larger farm, situated in the same town, continued successfully engaged in farming until his decease, which occurred when he was sixty-seven years old. His wife had passed away at the age of forty-four. Their children were: Susan B., Elmina T., Caroline H., Harriet B., Emery G., Marinda E., Lucius A., and Caroline W. Benjamin Fuller, Jr., was a Republican in politics. He attended the Congregational church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Wheaton were named as follows: Julius D., Junius L., Julia E., Sarah A., Harriet E., Christopher C., and Williston W.

Christopher C. Wheaton began his studies in the schools of Warwick and Orange, and after completing his education at the Appleton Academy in New Ipswich, N.H., entered the employ of R. Hunt & Co. of Orange, Mass. Serving a three years' apprenticeship, he acquired the trade of a mechanic, and became a journeyman. He purchased a house in Orange, where he resided until 1872, when he exchanged that residence for his present farm in the town of Rowe, which consists of two

hundred and twenty-seven acres, part of which is well-improved land. This property was formerly known as the Rice farm. He has remodelled the buildings, besides making many other noticeable improvements, and now conducts general farming and dairying. He has a large herd of cows, besides some very fine young stock, and is in every way a progressive farmer. Mr. Wheaton is First Vice-President of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society, and is a Director of the Charlemont Co-operative Creamery Company.

On March 8, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Eliza H. Newton, daughter of Healey and Roxanna (Thayer) Newton, of Hawley. Mr. Newton was a lumber manufacturer and farmer, who owned and operated a saw-mill in that town. He was an active and enterprising man, but died when quite young, leaving three children; namely, Edward N., John E., and Eliza H. Mr. and Mrs. Wheaton have two children: Bertha E., born June 23, 1889; and Sara L., born September 14, 1891.

Mr. Wheaton is a Republican in politics. He has served the town faithfully as Moderator, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, chairman of the School Committee, and is a Justice of the Peace. In his religious views he is inclined to be liberal.

MRS. SARAH J. RAMSEY, widow of the late John Ramsey, of Orange, is a woman of culture and refinement, possessing qualities of heart and mind that endear her to a large circle of friends. Her husband was of New Hampshire birth, born in Marlow, August 3, 1814, son of James and Nancy (Tenney) Ramsey. His grandfather, James Ramsey, Sr., emi-

grated from Scotland to this country, settling in Greenfield, N.H., where he carried on general farming, living to the age of seventy-eight years.

His son and namesake, James Ramsey, the father of John Ramsey, was born in Greenfield, N.H. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and, when a young man, bought one hundred and fifty acres of land, which he improved by cultivation, erecting a good set of buildings. He subsequently disposed of this property, and moved to Alstead, Cheshire County, N.H., where his death occurred at the age of sixty-four years. His wife lived to the age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of eleven children; namely, Calvin, David, James, Mary, John, Celinda, Luther P., Martin, Martha Ann, Mark, and Nathan. Of these, two died when young; and there was not another death among them for threescore years. Both parents were sincere Christians and esteemed members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics James Ramsey was identified with the Democratic party.

John Ramsey, the husband of the subject of this biographical sketch, learned the trade of a carriage and sleigh maker, and, when a young man, came to Orange, where at the age of twenty-one years he took a contract to make one thousand dollars' worth of carriages of modern style, something comparatively new in the market at that time. This he completed successfully and satisfactorily. He then established himself in business, building a fine house and a large shop back of it for his carriage manufactory, using the second story of the house as the painting-room, the whole being finished within two years after he had attained his majority. In the space of four years he was entirely free from debt, a record worthy of mention. After continuing

in the manufacture of carriages and sleighs for several years, Mr. Ramsey rebuilt the house, fitting it for a hotel, named it the Mansion House, and conducted it with success for some years. He finally retired from the active pursuits of life, first letting the hotel and afterward selling the entire property and purchasing a pleasant residence at 6 Grove Street. This he remodelled and beautified, making it one of the best and most attractive homes in the locality.

Mr. Ramsey was noted for his generosity, and his devotion to the highest moral and best material interests of his adopted town was well known and thoroughly appreciated. Some of the finest improvements of the village were due to his forethought and sagacity, among them the enlargement and adornment of the cemetery, which is one of the most beautiful in the county. Many of the shade trees ornamenting the village were set out by him or through his influence, and serve to perpetuate his name in a most pleasing manner. Of a deeply religious nature, he was held in high respect for his sterling virtues, and will be remembered as a kind-hearted neighbor and a benefactor to humanity, spending his seventy-two years of life in useful activity.

Mr. Ramsey was three times married. His first wife, Susan Bullar, died at the age of twenty-six years; and he afterward married Rachel Hawes, who died at the early age of twenty-eight years, leaving a daughter, Susan R., who passed to the higher life when a maiden of fifteen. In 1864 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah J. Webber, who was born September 2, 1821, in Marlow, N.H., and is the daughter of Jonathan and Martha (Russel) Butler, the former of whom was a native of Lyndeboro, N.H., and the latter of Wilmington, Mass. Mrs. Ramsey's grandfather, Jonathan Butler, Sr., was a soldier in

the Revolutionary army, and participated in the battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775. He died in his ninety-third year. Neither parent is now living, her father having departed this life at the age of fifty-eight years and her mother at the age of threescore and ten. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had a large family of children, namely: Nathaniel R., who died in infancy; Martha; Susan; Mary; William Z.; Sarah J.; an infant; Lucinda; J. Wesley; and John F. Mrs. Ramsey resides at the beautiful home at 6 Grove Street, which is a lasting memorial of her late husband.

JULIUS D. HORTON, of Charlemont, Franklin County, Mass., a progressive farmer, who is also engaged extensively in lumbering, was born October 23, 1846, at Mount Holly, Vt., and is a son of Warren and Aurilla (Johnson) Horton, of that place. His grandfather, Andrew Horton, owned and conducted a farm of four hundred acres at Mount Holly, and also dealt largely in lumber, operating two saw-mills. He was formerly a Whig in politics, but later joined the Republican party. He died aged eighty-two years; and his wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Hale, was called to rest at about the same age. Their children were: Alva, David, Warren, Darius, Lovina, and Lucinda. Warren Horton, upon reaching his majority, purchased a greater part of his father's farm, which he carried on in connection with the coopering business, and was likewise much engaged in carpentering during his early manhood. He possessed a strong and vigorous constitution, capable of withstanding much exposure and fatigue, and was a tireless worker. He attained a prominent position in public affairs, and, besides holding all of the important town

offices, represented his district in the State legislature. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and in his religious views a Baptist. Warren and Aurilla Horton were blessed with the following children: Carrie M., who married Alton Hammond; Marcella J., wife of Luther French; and Julius D., of this sketch.

At the age of twenty years Mr. Julius D. Horton commenced life's labors at a chair factory in Rutland, Vt., and, after remaining there steadily at work for seven years, returned to Mount Holly, where he was engaged in conducting a wheelwright and carpentering business for the next three years. In 1887 he purchased the L. Hawkes farm of one hundred and thirty acres, with a saw-mill thereon, in the picturesque town of Charlemont, Mass., which he continues to occupy, and with very satisfactory results. He gives considerable attention to the raising of stock, in which he has been very successful, especially with sheep. In 1891 Mr. Horton married Miss Rena Todd, daughter of Edward Todd, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this work, and has one child, Erving J., who was born May 8, 1893. Mr. Horton is a Republican in politics, and, although frequently urged to accept town offices, has invariably declined, as he cannot spare the time necessary for the proper administration of public affairs.

HENRY SLATE, a farmer and leading citizen of Bernardston, Mass., was born in this town, November 29, 1815, son of Joseph and Sylvia E. (Webster) Slate. The family is of English descent. Ancestors of Mr. Slate settled in Mansfield, Conn., at an early day. The first of the name in Bernardston was Joseph Slate, who came here about 1763 with his wife, Mary Strong, of Norwich, Conn., and took up land

which is still held by some of his posterity. He died in Bernardston. Henry Slate's grandfather, Israel Slate, and his wife, Phoebe Hurlburt, were born in Chatham, Conn., in 1762. He came to Bernardston when but two years of age, with his father, Joseph Slate, who had been a soldier in the French and Indian War, and later on was in the Revolutionary War. Israel was a hard-working practical farmer, and cleared much of the land in this vicinity. He was a leading citizen of Bernardston, a Corporal in the State militia, also a member and zealous worker in the Congregational church, and in politics a Whig. He had a family of ten children, all of whom grew to maturity.

Joseph, one of his sons, named for the elder Joseph, was born in Bernardston, January 28, 1789, and became one of its most influential citizens and a successful farmer. He was Selectman for several terms, and took an active part in the affairs of the town. Having inherited a large tract of land from his father, he resided on the old Slate farm till his death, which took place August 16, 1867. His wife, born in Bernardston, March 14, 1796, continued to make her home here till her death, August 7, 1886. Both were members of the Congregational church, and strictly orthodox. Their ten children all grew to manhood and womanhood. A brief record is as follows: Melinda, born October 29, 1813, died March 11, 1879; Henry, the second-born, is the subject of this sketch; Francis, born February 23, 1818, died June 2, 1894; Eunice A., born November 4, 1820, is now living in Montague; Catherine S., born February 19, 1823, now resides in Bernardston; Edwin, born July 20, 1825, died April 17, 1851; Harriet A., born April 13, 1828, now lives in Harvey, Ill., near Chicago; Mary E., born December 31, 1830, lives in Brattleboro, Vt.; Dwight, born

August 26, 1833, died in 1855; and Lewis A., born June 10, 1836, is a farmer of Bernardston.

Henry Slate grew to manhood, and was educated in the public schools of Bernardston and Goodell Academy. He has followed farming all through life, and being intelligent and thoroughly practical has by close attention to business made a success of it, owning ninety-nine acres of good land in Bernardston, with substantial buildings. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, having filled the position of Town Clerk for seventeen years, and has now entered upon his nineteenth year as Town Treasurer.

Henry Slate was married April 28, 1841, to Sylvina Hale, who died June 14, 1849, leaving four children: Cornelia, Irvilla, Joseph, and John, the youngest, who died soon after. Cornelia married A. Alford, who is now a retired business man, residing in Bernardston. Irvilla A. became the wife of E. B. Burnham, and lives in Montague. Joseph is a merchant residing in Edinburg, Ill. On June 5, 1850, Mr. Slate married Mary Clapp, who died April 24, 1864, leaving one child, Kate M., now Mrs. H. L. Crowell, of Bernardston. On the 7th of February, 1866, Mr. Slate married for his third wife Miss Elizabeth S. Holton, who was born in Gill, November 4, 1829, daughter of George L. and Content B. (Snow) Holton. Her father was a farmer, was liberal in his religious views and in politics a Democrat. He died at the age of sixty-three years, his wife at fifty-one. They were the parents of five children, four of whom are living: Thomas S. Holton died in Boston; Emeline P. became Mrs. Fay, and resides in Athol; Jonathan P. Holton resides in Gill; Harriet C., who became Mrs. Smith, resides in Greenfield; and Elizabeth S., Mrs. Slate, is the

eldest child. Mr. and Mrs. Slate are members of the Congregational church, where he has served as Deacon the last thirty years. They are among the oldest residents of Bernardston, and all their children are faithful members and earnest workers in the Congregational church.

PASSCALL MARVEL, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, a worthy octogenarian retaining his faculties to a remarkable degree, long known as one of the leading farmers of Gill was born in Shutesbury, in the southern part of the county, December 1, 1810, son of Passcall and Polly (Davis) Marvel. Passcall Marvel, Sr., who was a native of Rehoboth, Bristol County, where his early life was passed on his father's farm, learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed for some time, but later purchased land, and devoted his last years to tilling the soil, dying in Shutesbury in his sixty-fourth year. He married Polly Davis, and they reared a family of four children: Jesse, Mary, Passcall, and Martha, of whom Passcall is the only survivor. The mother died in Shutesbury at the age of sixty-four years.

The younger Passcall on his father's death purchased the old home in Shutesbury, and lived there for ten years, coming to Gill on April 1, 1844. He took care of his wife's parents until their death, when he purchased the Harris homestead, a farm of fifty-eight acres, on which he now resides. Mr. Marvel was married December 3, 1835, to Catherine C., daughter of Samuel Harris, a farmer of Petersham. They reared four children: Sarah J., who is the widow of Orison Knight; Lucy A., who married Marcus Pratt, and has two children — Carl M. and Carrie E.; Willard

H. and William C., twins. Willard married Jane Woodward, and has two children — Herbert P. and Katie B. William worked for over twenty years as a machinist in Fitchburg, Mass., but returned home to care for his parents. He is a Republican in politics, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served two years in the Civil War as a soldier of Company G, Tenth Massachusetts Infantry. He was in many battles, and was wounded at Fredericksburg. He married November 30, 1885, Helen, daughter of Alfred and Martha (Mahoney) Brick. Alfred Brick was formerly a chairmaker in Gardner, Mass. He and his wife, Martha Mahoney, a daughter of Cornelius Mahoney, of Providence, R.I., were the parents of six children.

In politics Passcall Marvel has been allied with the Republican party, but is a Prohibitionist in principle. He is a member of the Baptist church of Bernardston, in which he held the office of deacon for many years.

RATHANIEL CHENEY, a retired manufacturer and an extensive landholder of the town of Orange, where his birth occurred June 23, 1824, is a man of solid worth, possessing in an eminent degree those traits that command respect in the business world, and gain esteem among friends and associates. The immigrant ancestor of his family was William Cheney, who came to America in 1635, settling in Roxbury, Mass., the line of descent from him being William the second, then William the third, who was born at Mendon, Mass., in 1704, and whose children by his wife, Margaret, included Levi Cheney, the grandfather of the subject of this biographical sketch.

Levi Cheney was born November 23, 1750;

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PASSCALL AND CATHERINE C. MARVEL.

and, after reaching man's estate, he came to Franklin-County, where he purchased eight hundred acres of wild land in the town of Orange. Clearing a space in the vast pine forest, he built a log house near the site where Mr. Jerome now lives; and here he reared his family. Much of the timber which he cut down he had to burn to get rid of; but, after clearing and cultivating a portion of his land, he erected a saw-mill, the first in the vicinity, and carried on a large lumber business in addition to general farming. He lived to the extremely advanced age of ninety-six years, dying in 1846. He was a man of excellent business ability, and, acquiring a competency, gave to each of his sons a good farm. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary Hill, bore him the following children: Levi, Esther, Peter, Mary, Louis, Stephen, and Alexander. His second wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Ballou, bore him two children, Ursula and Preston Cheney.

Peter Cheney was born in the primitive log house in which his parents first lived on coming to Orange, and was there reared to habits of industry and thrift. When ready to establish a home of his own, his father gave him a portion of the homestead property, now occupied by his son Nathaniel; and here he erected a residence, a commodious barn, and the requisite farm buildings for successfully carrying on his work, which he conducted most ably, meeting with success in his undertakings. He became very prominent in the management of local affairs, being a sound Democrat in his politics and serving his fellow-citizens in the various minor offices of the place, besides being Town Clerk for about twenty years and Justice of the Peace the same length of time. To him and his wife, Abigail Goodell Cheney, thirteen children were born; namely, Prudence, Charlotte, Luther, E. Peter, Elijah B.,

Nathaniel, Ebenezer, Abner, Abigail, Jane and Janette (twins), and two others, also twins, that died in infancy.

Nathaniel Cheney received the ordinary educational advantages of a New England country lad, completing his studies at the Westminster Academy, going from there to Boston, where he was employed for a year as a clerk in a grocery store. He was gifted with keen business abilities, however; and at the age of twenty years he became a partner with George W. Adams and S. A. Denio, composing the firm of G. W. Adams & Co., manufacturing iron for building purposes, and continuing seven years in Boston, when he sold out his interest in the works, and went on a trip to Europe. In 1852 Mr. Cheney returned to New York City, where he was a partner for five years in the iron works establishment of D. D. Badger & Co., which afterward was managed by a stock company, Mr. Cheney being its Treasurer and Vice-President. He continued in the same business in New York for thirty-eight years, the last ten years being in company with Mr. Hewlett and carrying on a substantial business under the firm name of Cheney & Hewlett. In 1893 he retired from the active pursuits of life, and came to Orange to the old homestead, where he and his family had spent their summers for about twenty-five years, during which time extensive buildings were erected and costly improvements made, the place being now one of the finest and most valuable estates in this section of the county. Mr. Cheney is a man of exceptionally pure morals and correct habits, and has never used tobacco or intoxicating liquors of any kind. He is of broad and earnest religious views and a faithful adherent of the Universalist church. Politically, he is a Republican.

Miss Mary A. Eddy, to whom Mr. Cheney

was united in marriage in 1846, was born in Warwick, Mass., July 5, 1823, being the daughter of Abijah Eddy, one of Warwick's thrifty and respected merchants and farmers. Seven children have been born of their union; but the Angel of Death has crossed their threshold three times, each time bearing a loved infant to its eternal home. The living are: Martha R., Charles E., Clara J., and Lizzie J. Charles E., who is engaged in the iron works at Brooklyn and New York City, married Lillian Walker; and they have one child, Bessie M. Clara J. is the wife of A. W. Newhall, a highly esteemed and enterprising agriculturist of Franklin County, having charge of Mr. Cheney's farm, where he pays especial attention to dairying, keeping twenty-five choice cows of a fine grade. Lizzie J., the youngest daughter, with her sister, performs the active duties of housekeeping, the mother being in feeble health.

ANDREW J. WOODS, a farmer of Bernardston, was born in the town of Bath, Grafton County, N.H., April 22, 1833, son of William A. and Martha (Minot) Woods. His father was born in Bath in 1793, and his mother in Jaffrey, N.H., in the year 1800. The father of William A. was Andrew Woods, who was of Scotch descent, but resided for a time in the north of Ireland, and came from that country to America, landing in Boston.

He purchased some land in the town of Bath, N.H., without having seen it, and, taking his family with him, moved to his new home, making the journey with ox-teams. He was one of the pioneers of that town, and, being without previous training in woodcraft, he experienced some difficulty in initiating himself into its mysteries. After repeated

trials at felling trees, he came to the conclusion that it was very dangerous work, as he could never tell which way the tree was about to fall. Great was his satisfaction when he learned from one of his neighbors the proper method of proceeding, and it was not long before he became an expert woodman. He resided in the town of Bath till his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-three years. His wife, Isabella Jameson Woods, also lived to a good old age. They had three sons and one daughter who grew up, all of whom are now deceased. One of the sons, Andrew Salter Woods, LL.D., a graduate of Dartmouth College in 1825, was for fifteen years (1840-1855) an Associate Justice of the Superior Court of the State of New Hampshire, being then advanced to the position of Chief Justice, which he filled with ability during his short term of office. He is spoken of as a man of strictest integrity; as a judge, "even-tempered, patient, impartial, upright."

William A. Woods grew to manhood in the town of Bath, succeeding to his father in the possession of the homestead; and he, too, followed farming with gratifying success, from time to time making additions to his real estate, till he had one thousand acres of land, constituting one of the largest farms in the town of Bath. He was a leader in the Masonic fraternity in the State of New Hampshire and a man of considerable note, serving as Selectman of his town. In politics he was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were Universalists in religion. On the old farm, which his father had cleared and worked so many years before, he died, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife at eighty-seven. They had nine children, seven of whom arrived at maturity, and three are now living: Arthur Woods, the eldest son, resides in

Bath, and still cultivates the old Woods homestead; Andrew J. Woods is the subject of this sketch; and Luella became the wife of Charles W. Leighton, a farmer of Greenfield. The deceased are: John, Emily, Martha, Julia, Caroline, and Myra.

Andrew J. Woods grew to manhood on the paternal homestead in Bath, receiving his education in the schools of that town and the academy of St. Johnsbury, Vt., which he attended two terms. He lived on the old farm with his parents till the year 1874, when he left New Hampshire, and settled for a time in the town of Greenfield, Mass., removing shortly to Saratoga, N.Y., whence in 1878 he returned to Franklin County, Massachusetts, and took up his abode on his present farm in Bernardston. He has thirty-five acres of land and good buildings of his own erection, making a pleasant home. On the 25th of May, 1876, Mr. Woods was united in marriage to Mary Osgood Sanderson, a daughter of John Sanderson. (See sketch elsewhere.) They have no children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Woods are attendants of the Unitarian church. In political matters Mr. Woods gives his support to the Democratic party.

FREDERICK W. UPTON, a young and progressive farmer of the town of Heath, was born in the town of Goshen, Hampshire County, Mass., August 28, 1859, son of Washburn A. and Mary F. (Damon) Upton and grandson of Chester and Miranda (Edgerton) Upton. From the valuable genealogical work, "Upton Family Records," compiled by Judge Upton, of Walla Walla, Wash., we learn that the parents of Chester Upton were Joseph and Thirza (Flint) Upton, the father a native of Bedford, Mass., son of Josiah Upton, a native of what is now North Read-

ing. Josiah Upton, who settled in Charlemont, Franklin County, in 1778, was a son of Ebenezer, grandson of Joseph, and great-grandson of John Upton, the immigrant progenitor of the New England family of Uptons. Chester Upton was a native of the town of Charlemont, where he was born, January 6, 1804.

He was the owner of a farm and saw-mill, and was engaged for some time in turning broom handles and manufacturing other wooden-ware. Besides his farm in Charlemont he owned lands in Hawley, where he lived for some time. He also resided at different times in Florence and Williamsburg; and, whatever his locality, he was always known as one of the foremost and most trustworthy citizens. His death occurred in 1886. His wife, Miranda Edgerton, was born July 4, 1807, and died in 1865. Her children were as follows: Olive, Washburn A., Aurelia, Mary, Lucy, Sarah, Charles, and Joseph.

Washburn A. Upton, father of Frederick W., was born in the town of Hawley, February 8, 1833, and in early life purchased a farm in Chesterfield, Mass., which he soon sold, and then rented one at Northampton. From that town he went to Whitingham, Vt., where he rented another farm for two years, and next he rented one in Colerain for two years. He then purchased a farm in Colerain, and remained a tiller of the soil there for twelve years, after which he sold his farm, and removed to Agawam, again investing in farm land. He remained in Agawam until his death, at the age of sixty years. His wife, Mary F. Damon, was born July 5, 1835, daughter of Salma Damon, a successful farmer of Chesterfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Washburn A. Upton were the parents of the following children: Stephen F., born July 3, 1856, who married Addie Culver; Frederick W., whose name appears at the head of this

sketch; and Sarah M., born March 21, 1865, who died at the early age of fourteen years.

Frederick W. Upton, after acquiring a sufficiently practical knowledge of the common branches of learning, taught in the schools of his native town, became initiated into farm life and labor, remaining at home until the age of twenty-one. Three years later he married, December 2, 1883, Miss Sarah M. Dunnell, an amiable and interesting young lady, daughter of Darius and Diantha (White) Dunnell, well-known and respected residents of the county. Mr. Upton then purchased his present property of one hundred and twenty acres, known as the Sanford farm, situated in the north-east part of the town of Heath. He has improved the place by remodelling the house and barn; and here he remains engaged in general agriculture, his estate presenting the typical appearance of the homestead of a New England farmer. He has fifteen head of fine stock, besides sheep and horses, his dairy products being of excellent quality. Mr. Upton is a Republican in politics, is a member of the Baptist church, and is among the substantial and esteemed residents of the town.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER, one of the leading farmers of Northfield, Mass., was born September 12, 1815, in the house where he now resides, and which was the birthplace of his father, Samuel Alexander. His grandfather, Simeon Alexander, Jr., was a son of Simeon Alexander, Sr., one of three brothers who came over from Scotland and settled, in the year 1644, on the site of the present village of Northfield, where they became prominent and successful agriculturists.

In 1779 Simeon Alexander, Jr., bought the farm on which his grandson now lives, erected the house, and here lived to the advanced age

of ninety-four. He served with the minutemen and was in many of the hard-fought battles of the Revolution, being present at the taking of Burgoyne's army. He was actively interested in the affairs of the town, serving as one of its first Selectmen. Samuel Alexander spent his whole life of more than fourscore years on the place, beginning as soon as old enough to assist his father in the care of the farm, and later becoming the owner of the property. He married Elvira, daughter of Theodore Field, whose ancestors were also among the early settlers; and they reared three children, of whom George F. Alexander is the only survivor. Mrs. Samuel Alexander died at the age of sixty-seven years.

George F. Alexander was educated in the district school, and remained on the farm with his father until about thirty years old, when he went to Boston, where he was employed for a year as hotel clerk, and in the following year served in the same capacity in Brattleboro, Vt., going from there to the Union House in Springfield, Mass. A year and a half later he secured the position of clerk in the Astor House in New York City, where he remained for twenty years, from 1849 to 1870, during which time he saw many of the prominent and noted men of those days. Returning to Northfield in March, 1870, Mr. Alexander took care of his father as long as he lived; and at his father's death he became the possessor of the old homestead, on which he has since resided.

He was first married in 1842, to Hepsibah Munn, a native of Gill and daughter of Seth Munn, of that place. She died November 14, 1845; and some time after Mr. Alexander was married to his present wife, Ann Eliza, daughter of William and Fannie (Simonson) Pinckney, of New York City. Mr. Pinckney was a native of West Chester, N. Y., but had moved to New York soon after marriage and engaged

in the livery and hotel business, dying in that city at the age of seventy-eight. He served in the War of 1812, and was a prominent member of the old Militia Artillery Company. Of his eight children only four are now living; namely, Ann Eliza (Mrs. Alexander), George W., Samuel, and Adeline. The mother was seventy-nine years old at the time of her death, which occurred in Staten Island. Mrs. Alexander was educated in public and private schools of New York. She and her husband have one child, George L., who married Julia Graham, of Boston, and is engaged in the livery business in that city.

George F. Alexander is a Republican, and a man who takes an active interest in all political matters. He has served as Selectman four terms, and has likewise held the office of Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. He is a prominent Mason, having joined, in 1851, Eureka Lodge, No. 243, of New York City, of which he was Master, and later the Lodge in Northfield, of which he has been Master three times; and he was instrumental in the organization of the Orders of the Eastern Star in the latter place, his wife being among the first to join the Lodges. He was formerly Master of the Northfield Grange, having been one of the leaders in its formation. Mr. Alexander is an attendant of the Unitarian church.

HORACE A. SMEAD, one of Greenfield's progressive farmers, was born at his present homestead in this town, February 6, 1842, son of Jonathan and Lucy B. (Adams) Smead. His great-grandfather, Jonathan Smead, who was born in 1735, and was a soldier in the French and Indian War, was one of the earliest pioneers of Greenfield, settling here when the Indians were still numerous in this part of the country

and remaining till his death, in 1814. His son Jonathan was born in 1773, and reared on this farm, where he was a life-long resident. He died August 25, 1850, when he was seventy-seven years of age. He was one of the large farmers of his time, owning some three hundred acres, which required the hard labor and untiring energy which he so conscientiously put into it. He and his wife were both members of the First Congregational Church. They had a family of two sons and four daughters, none of whom is now living. Their son, Jonathan Smead, father of Horace A., was also born on this same farm, April 8, 1812; and here he grew to manhood. In 1838 he built the present house, was married, and settled with his father. In 1846 the farm was divided between himself and his elder brother, Charles Lewis, he taking the east part, where Charles B. Wells now lives. He faithfully followed his business as farmer through life; and here he died January 21, 1866, at the age of fifty-three years. His wife was born February 28, 1813, in West Haven, Rutland County, Vt. She was a great-grand-daughter of the Rev. Edward Billings, the first minister of Greenfield, and lived to be seventy-eight years of age, dying December 1, 1891. They were both members of the Congregational church, and his party affiliations were with the Republicans. They had a family of four sons and one daughter: Charles L. Smead, who died when twenty-two years of age; Jonathan H., residing in New Bedford, connected with the United States mail service; Horace A., our subject; Sarah P., for many years a teacher in the public schools of Greenfield; and Edwin B., of Hartford, Conn., principal of Watkinson Farm School.

Horace A. Smead received his education in the schools of Greenfield, and afterward moved to Vineland, N.J., where he bought a farm,

and was engaged in fruit-raising for a number of years, when he went into business in Trenton, N. J., where he remained eight years. In 1877, selling his fruit farm, he moved back to Greenfield; and in 1884 he purchased the old farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, where he now carries on general farming, fruit farming, gardening, and dairying.

Mr. Smead was married November 28, 1867, to Anna J. Fisher, of Vineland, N. J., who was born October 25, 1845, in Gouverneur, St. Lawrence County, N. Y., daughter of Isaac Preston Fisher and Lydia L. (Johnson) Fisher. Mr. Fisher was born in Rupert, Vt., March 14, 1820, and his wife November 1, 1823, in Griswold, Conn. He was engaged in farming and also in mercantile pursuits. His wife died July 14, 1862; and Mr. Fisher with his second wife (she that was Mrs. Clara Robertson), of Gouverneur, N. Y., now resides with his daughter, Mrs. Smead. He had four children, Mrs. Smead being the eldest: Mary, who became Mrs. Seymore, resides in Putney, Vt.; Louisa Maria died at thirteen years of age; and Ogden at eleven months. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were both members of the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Smead have two children of their own, and have adopted two. The eldest son, Horace P. Smead, was born October 6, 1871, is a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, and resides at home. Louis N. Smead was born November 28, 1876, and also lives at home, attending school at Mount Hermon. Mr. and Mrs. Smead are both members of the First Congregational Church.

ROSWELL BAKER, a conspicuous member of the agricultural community of Franklin County, owns and occupies a fine homestead property in the town of

Hawley, which is the place of his nativity, the date of his birth being March 16, 1817. He is the son of Hollister and Rebecca (Crowell) Baker, and comes of patriotic stock, his grandfather, Timothy Baker, having served in the Revolutionary War.

Timothy Baker was born in 1748, and in 1772 removed with his family from Sunderland, Mass., to Conway, being one of the early settlers of this section of Franklin County. Three years later he settled in the town of Hawley, buying the hundred-acre farm now owned by M. Cressy. It was then in a state of primitive wildness; and he was obliged to clear a space for the small log cabin, which was his first place of residence. He improved a good farm, becoming prosperous in the pursuit of his chosen calling, and was numbered among the most valued citizens of the town. He was a conservative Whig in politics, and religiously was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Congregational church. He lived to a good age, dying April 3, 1836. Mrs. Baker, whose maiden name was Abigail Kibbe, survived her husband, dying in 1844, at the venerable age of ninety-four years. She was a woman of great force of character, well fitted for the wife of a pioneer, and was said to be the first white woman to settle in Hawley. He and his wife reared eleven children, giving them the following names: Rufus, Hollister, Sophia, Abigail, Ephraim, Sarah, Clarence, Julia, Harnena, Timothy, and Sophia.

Hollister Baker, the second son named above, was born in Hawley, February 4, 1777, and as soon as old enough to use the axe or hoe began to assist his father in the work of redeeming a homestead from the wilderness. After his marriage he bought the home farm, which he managed most judiciously, making a good deal of money in his business transac-

tions; and this he invested from time to time in other land, finally becoming the owner of one thousand acres. He was known as one of the most thrifty and prosperous agriculturists in this section of the State, doing more to advance its welfare than any one person since that time. He erected a large brick residence and substantial barns, and in addition to farming was interested in mining iron ore, which was then abundant on his farm, and in his work burned a great deal of charcoal. He paid much attention to the raising of good stock, keeping as many as thirty cows and a hundred sheep. He was a stanch Whig in politics, and was a public-spirited and progressive citizen. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Crowell, was born October 22, 1799, at Dennis, and died at Hawley, May 16, 1860. Their household circle included ten children; namely, Horace, Harvey, Rebecca, Ephraim, Elisha, Harriet, Noah, Roswell, Charles, and Ereda.

Roswell Baker made good use of his early educational advantages, and, although not college-bred, is a well-read and well-informed man, possessing in an eminent degree the good judgment and requisite business tact to insure material success. After leaving school he worked with his father until attaining his majority, when he hired for one year the farm he now lives on, and found it so suited for his purposes that he then bought it, and has since conducted its interests in a thorough and skillful manner. The place originally consisted of sixty-five acres; but Mr. Baker has bought other land, his homestead now containing two hundred well-cultivated acres. The house in which he lives is nearly a century old, being one of the first frame buildings erected in the town; but under his care and improvements it compares favorably with the most modern-built residences. He has built new barns and other

buildings; and his farm is one of the best-equipped in the vicinity, showing evidences of the enterprise and sagacious management of the owner. Mr. Baker has taken much interest in stock-raising, and has a choice dairy and about forty sheep; and, although not owning as much land as his father did, he is considered the model farmer of the vicinity, being skilled in all branches of agriculture.

Mr. Baker was united in marriage October 17, 1839, to Miss Bathsheba C. P. Carter, a native of Buckland, born January 17, 1821, a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Toby) Carter. Mr. Carter was born May 28, 1773, in Leominster, Mass., and became one of the first settlers of Buckland, where he cleared and improved a valuable farm. In 1823 he removed with his family to Hawley, and there resided until his demise in 1832. In politics he was an active member of the Whig party, and he worshipped at the Congregational church. His widow survived him many a long year, passing away in 1870 at the age of eighty-eight years and six months. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Milo T.; Asbel W.; Cordelia W.; Ann Eliza; Deborah F.; Elias S.; and Bathsheba C. P., the wife of Mr. Baker. The home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Baker was enlarged by the birth of five children, three of whom tarried but a short time on earth, not surviving the period of infancy. The two living are: Ereda, born January 4, 1841, now the wife of S. B. Budington and mother of four children—Ellen M., Robert A., Ethel H., and Walter C.; and Edwin Baker, born January 18, 1843, a popular and successful druggist at Shelburne Falls, who married Emma I. Bannister. In his political views Mr. Baker favors the Republican party. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Congregational church and active workers in that denomination.

EDWARD R. CANEDY is a young and energetic resident of Dell, in the town of Heath, where he conducts a prosperous business as a blacksmith and general wheelwright. His birth occurred at Jacksonville, Vt., July 25, 1865; and he is the son of Dennis and Jane C. (Lake) Canedy. His grandfather, John Canedy, a prosperous farmer of Colerain, who wedded Susan Stowe, also a native of that town, raised a family of eight children, as follows: John, Susan, Louise, Roxanna, Lucy, Joel, Levi L., and Dennis. John Canedy died at the age of fifty and his wife at the age of seventy-five years.

Dennis Canedy, who was born at Colerain in 1828, purchased a farm at Whitingham, Vt., when a young man, and after conducting it successfully for some years sold the property for the purpose of entering mercantile business at Jacksonville, Vt. His enterprise prospered; and, although the building and his stock were at one time totally destroyed by fire, he rebuilt, and continued to carry on an extensive trade. He later sold out to good advantage, and for the next few years engaged in teaming from Jacksonville to Greenfield, Mass., employing some extra fine draft horses. He subsequently purchased a farm of two hundred acres in the town of Heath, now owned and occupied by his son, Orian D. Canedy. Here he resided for a period of fourteen years, at the expiration of which time he retired from active labor. He is now passing the sunset of his days in ease and comfort at Shelburne Falls. His wife, who was a daughter of Borden Lake, passed to another life at the age of sixty-three years. She was the mother of seven children, namely; John D.; Ira; Herbert, who died at the age of seventeen; Orian; Nettie, who died at the age of nine; Nellie; and Edward R. Dennis Canedy has been quite a prominent man in public affairs during

his long life, and at one time served as Town Clerk at Heath. He is liberal in his religious views.

Edward R. Canedy was educated in the public schools of Heath, and at the age of twenty-two years purchased the homestead, which, after successfully conducting for a period of four years, he sold. He then went to Shelburne Falls, where he acquired the trade of a blacksmith and wheelwright, and subsequently established himself in business at Jacksonville, Vt. Later he purchased the William Pennington residence and blacksmith-shop at Dell, which were erected by Samuel Barber. The estate is a fine one, including six acres of land; and, since taking possession, Mr. Canedy has remodelled the house and otherwise improved the property, and is doing a profitable business.

On June 9, 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Maley, of Westboro, Mass., daughter of John and Mary Maley. The latter died in 1875, at the age of fifty-one years. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Canedy are as follows: John, Hannah, Mary, Katie, Emma, Charles, and Elizabeth B. Mr. and Mrs. Canedy have one son, named John D., who came to them on April 6, 1895. Mr. Canedy is independent in politics, and is liberal in his religious views.

CAPTAIN SAMUEL H. STOWELL, an experienced and skilful farmer of Franklin County, owns and occupies a valuable homestead in the town of New Salem, not far from the village of that name, and is known as one of its most respected citizens. He is a native of that county, having been born February 16, 1821, at Shutesbury, and is descended on both sides of the house from worthy English stock. His grandfather, John Stowell, was born and reared in Peters-

ham, Worcester County, where he acquired a better education than was usually given to the boys of that day, and later was engaged in teaching. Having accumulated some money, he invested in a farm in Petersham, where he lived quite a number of years, and where his children were born. He afterward sold this farm, and bought a good property in Shutesbury, to the cultivation of which he devoted the remainder of his life. He died at the age of sixty. Lois Eames, who became his wife, belonged to a family noted for longevity, and lived to be ninety-six years of age. The following children were born to them: John, Henry, Peter, Luther, Sally, Lucy, and two that died at an early age.

Peter Stowell, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born December 23, 1790, at Petersham, and spent the earlier years of his life as a farm laborer, working by the day or month until he had by prudence and economy saved enough money to buy a good farm. He then purchased one hundred and fifty acres of land in Shutesbury, on which he made many improvements, including a good set of buildings, and placed a large part of it under culture, being one of the foremost agriculturists of the town. There he spent the remaining years of his earthly life, passing away September 24, 1868. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Fisk, was born in Worcester, October 22, 1792, daughter of Samuel and Olive Fisk, and for some years was a resident of Shutesbury. Samuel Fisk, who was a well-to-do farmer, was twice married. His first wife, Olive Fisk, died when quite young, leaving four children: John, Lucy, Sally, and Betsey. He afterward married Pamela Webb; and they became the parents of four children: Olive, James, George, and Samuel Fisk. Mrs. Lucy F. Stowell died January 28, 1871. She reared but two children,

namely: Franklin, born April 15, 1818, who is a resident of Shutesbury; and Samuel H. Peter Stowell and his wife were active members of the Congregational church, and politically he was a strong Republican.

Samuel H. Stowell grew to manhood in the place of his nativity, and, having received a good education, was employed for several winters in teaching school, working at farming during the spring and summer seasons. About 1846 he purchased a farm in Shutesbury, where he lived for some time, making many improvements on the place, including the erection of a new house and barn. He afterward sold the property at an advantage, and bought another farm in the same town, which he worked on for a while, and then disposed of. In 1871 he bought the Royce farm of one hundred acres in New Salem, where he has since resided. To this he has added by purchase, till he is now the possessor of two hundred and sixty-five acres of valuable land. Here he has carried on general farming with success, making somewhat of a specialty of raising fine stock. He has placed the land under high culture, and, having set out orchards of peach, pear, and apple trees, raises an abundance of fruit. He has built a new barn; and the house, which has withstood the wear of a century, is kept in fine repair, the neatness and thrifty appearance of the premises being strongly indicative of careful management and prosperity.

On September 9, 1846, Mr. Stowell was united in marriage with Mary A. Chandler, who was born in Shutesbury, August 22, 1824, being a daughter of Aaron and Mary (Clark) Chandler and a grand-daughter of William and Lovina (Shumway) Chandler, of Petersham. William Chandler was engaged as a blacksmith and farmer in Petersham, and afterward moved to Shutesbury, where he followed the

same occupations. He and his wife both lived nearly fourscore years. They left the following children: Eunice, Clark, Lucy, Aaron, William, Benjamin, Wealthy, and Louisa. Aaron Chandler was born February 23, 1797, at Petersham, where he passed his boyhood days. He afterward moved to Shutesbury with his father, and became one of its most successful agriculturists. In 1850 he moved to Wendell, in this county, and afterward came to New Salem, and buying a good farm lived here until his demise, seventeen years later. Five children were born to him and his wife; namely, Mary, Charles, Willard, and two that died in infancy.

The home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Stowell has been brightened by the birth of four children, of whom we chronicle the following: Mary E., born November 1, 1853, is the wife of Henry P. Billings, of Ware, and has one child—Bertha E.; Ellen F. died February 20, 1891; Edwin F., born January 19, 1857, a merchant and Postmaster at New Salem, married Cora J. Eaton, and they have two children—Ralph E. and Carl E.; Dwight A., born August 2, 1859, is in the store with his brother. Mr. Stowell has long been numbered among the valued citizens of his adopted town, and has contributed his full share toward the advancement of its agricultural interests. In politics he is a zealous Republican, and has served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, both in his native town and in New Salem. He has also been a member of the House of Representatives in the Massachusetts legislature, and has been a Justice of the Peace for more than thirty years. Although he and his wife are well advanced in years, they are still hale and hearty, with an abundant capacity for enjoying the good things of life. Both are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DEACON ISAAC T. FISKE, one of the substantial citizens of Shelburne, owns and occupies a well-kept and highly improved homestead, where he is carrying on agricultural pursuits with marked success. He was born on this farm, July 27, 1824, and has here spent the major portion of his long and useful life, noting with keen interest the many changes that have taken place in his native town, and, as one of its most enterprising and progressive inhabitants, contributing largely to its advance and prosperity. The Fiskes are of English origin. The first of the family in America settled in Salem, Mass., in 1637. In 1761 Ebenezer Fiske, the great-grandfather of Deacon Fiske, settled in Shelburne, on what is called Pattern Hill; and there Pliny and Fidelia Fiske were born.

Ebenezer Fiske, Deacon Fiske's father, was the son of Ebenezer Fiske, third, who was a well-to-do farmer. Succeeding to the occupation of his ancestors, he bought the present homestead of the family in 1820, and here carried on mixed husbandry with good results. The farm, which contained one hundred acres, was partly improved at the time of the purchase; and to these improvements he added each year, living here until his decease. He married Hannah Terrill, a native of Abington, Mass., and they became the parents of nine children, of whom five are deceased; namely, Clarissa, Levi, Francis, Pliny, and Henry. The four living are: Ebenezer, of Adrian, Mich.; Daniel T. Fiske, D.D., of Newburyport, Mass., who has been a Congregational minister there for forty years, and is still doing parish work; Charlotte, widow of Frank Slate, of Bernardston; and Isaac T., the subject of this sketch.

Isaac T. Fiske grew to manhood on the paternal homestead, receiving his elementary education in the district schools and afterward



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attending the Goodell Academy at Bernardston and spending one term at Amherst Academy. He began teaching school when quite young, and was thus engaged four winters. Remaining beneath the parental roof for several years longer, Mr. Fiske engaged in farming, which has been his principal occupation through life, if we except nine years when he carried on an extensive lumbering business at Guilford, Vt. On the death of his brother Levi he returned to the place of his birth, and buying the old home farm has since managed it with gratifying success. It contains one hundred and fifteen acres of fertile land, and besides this property he has other lands in Colerain.

On June 17, 1847, Deacon Fiske was united in wedlock to Hannah Parsons, of Vernon, Vt.; but their married life was brief, she having passed to life immortal at the age of twenty-seven years, leaving one daughter, Ella, the wife of Albert Wright, of Hardy, Neb. On the 15th of September, 1858, he married Rose Crosby, who was born in Granby, Canada, being a daughter of Hopkins and Sarah (Frost) Crosby. Mr. Crosby was a native of Brattleboro, Vt., but went when a young man to Canada, where he married Sarah Frost, who had moved there when a child with her parents from Keene, N.H. He was a blacksmith; and both he and his wife spent their remaining years in Canada, he dying at the venerable age of ninety-three years and she at the age of eighty-eight years.

Of Deacon Fiske's second union five children have been born, of whom we chronicle the following: Charles S. Fiske, a farmer, lives in Shelburne; Levi L., a farmer, resides in Greenfield; Alice B., a teacher, lives at home; Frederick F., a farmer, resides on the homestead; and Rosa B. is the wife of Edward Cutting, of Colerain. Deacon and Mrs. Fiske are among the oldest and most respected resi-

dents of the town of Shelburne, and in their pleasant home are enjoying the comforts of life and the society and friendship of a large circle of acquaintances. Both are members of the Congregational church, he having united with it thirty-five years ago, and for many years has served faithfully as Deacon of the church and as superintendent of the Sunday-school. In politics he is a stanch Republican, uniformly voting that ticket.

HARTLEY HALE, a prosperous farmer, miller, and dealer in agricultural implements, residing in Bernardston, Mass., was born in this town, May 27, 1845, son of Increase S. and Abigail (Nelson) Hale. Increase S. Hale was a native of Bernardston, his father, John Hale, having been among the early settlers here. John Hale was a hard-working and successful farmer; he had a vigorous constitution, and lived to a ripe old age.

Increase S. Hale was a carpenter and joiner, and also an owner of a saw-mill, and showed good practical sense in all his business transactions. His death took place at his home in Bernardston, November 2, 1886; but his wife, who was born in Leyden, in December, 1807, still survives him, living with her daughter, Mrs. L. A. Bullard. Mr. and Mrs. Increase S. Hale had seven children, one of whom died in infancy, and the following four of them are now living: Mary, the wife of J. H. Clark, residing in Gill; Laura, widow of Luke Bullard, of Greenfield; Hartley Hale, the subject of this sketch; Lucy, the wife of David Chapin, residing in Bernardston. Hartley, Esther, and Sarah, who became the wife of Newell Snow, of Greenfield, are all deceased. Increase S. Hale was a Republican in politics and a liberal in religion. He had a brother who was in the War of 1812, and

his grandfather was a Lieutenant in the State militia.

Hartley Hale was educated in the public schools of Bernardston. When only twelve years old he began working in his father's mill, and, being intelligent and energetic, as his years and strength increased, so did his capability, till he had acquired a thorough knowledge of the business. At twenty years of age he started out in life for himself at farming; and one year later he engaged also in milling, which two occupations he has happily combined ever since. He has a farm of seventy acres and a tract of woodland of one hundred acres, both in the town of Bernardston. His first mill was a mile and a half from the village and was run by water-power. Finding the stream inadequate to his purpose, he put in a steam-engine, and used this power for some years, when he moved his plant to the vicinity of the railway station in Bernardston. In 1880 he located in his present commodious quarters, where he has the largest saw and grist mill in town, equipped with the latest improved machinery and run by water-power. The grist mill has a daily capacity of four hundred bushels, the average output being two hundred bushels. Mr. Hale deals in all kinds of feed, also in fertilizers, coal, and farming implements, his stock in which embraces a wide range, from spades and pitchforks to the latest high-grade mowers. The buildings which he owns and occupies were built under his own supervision in 1880. In 1892 he put up his grain elevator; and in 1893 he built the present dam, which is a solid, substantial piece of masonry, at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars.

On the 1st of January, 1877, Mr. Hale was united in marriage to Miss Harriet B. Haskell, who was born March 27, 1853, the daughter of A. K. and Esther B. Haskell.

Her father is now deceased, but her mother is living in Bernardston. Mr. Hale and wife hold liberal religious views, and in politics he adheres to the Republican party. They have no children. Mr. Hale is doing an excellent business, and is highly respected by all who know him. We are happy to present his portrait in connection with this brief sketch of his busy and useful career to date.

GEORGE W. MAYO, a skilled mechanic of Orange, Mass., son of Benjamin and Louisa (Brattle) Mayo, was born at North Orange, May 14, 1832. He is a great-grandson of Benjamin and Dolly (Goddard) Mayo, the former of whom was born May 15, 1750, and the latter January 16, 1757. The great-grandparents, who were well-to-do people, carried on a farm, and for a number of years kept the old tavern at North Orange. They had a large family of children, some of whom died in infancy, their names being handed down to children of a later birth, as follows: Benjamin, Nathan, Calvin, Dolly, Stephen, Esther, Lucena, Roxie, Dolly, William, and Roxie.

Benjamin Mayo, the second, was born at North Orange, November 24, 1777, and was closely identified with the agricultural interests of his native place during his entire life, which was but forty-seven years. His first purchase of land was that of the Frost estate, where he farmed successfully, and in addition kept a public house, giving good entertainment to man and beast. He married Esther Cheney, who was born in 1781, and was a descendant of a prominent family of this county. She lived until 1860, rearing her only child, Benjamin Mayo, the third, to habits of industry and thrift.

Benjamin Mayo, third, was born at North

Orange, March 7, 1805, and during the days of his youth and early manhood assisted on the home farm, which was located on the turnpike, managing it for some time after the death of his father. He subsequently purchased and occupied the Levi Cheney farm, and in course of time erected new buildings, besides making other valuable improvements. Here he departed his life in 1881, his death being universally regretted. An uncompromising Democrat in his political views, he served the town faithfully as Selectman, and for three terms was representative to the State legislature. He was liberal-minded, and was a sincere Universalist in his religious beliefs. His wife, whose maiden name was Louisa Brattle, was born at Erving, November 4, 1805, and died in 1884. Five children were born into their household circle, namely: George W.; Nancy B., who died young; Benjamin W., who served bravely in the late Civil War; Orena L., who died in childhood; and Carrie W. F., who became the wife of William O. Ballou, and at her decease left two children — Nettie L. and Belle C.

George W. Mayo was reared on the parental homestead, and received a practical education in the common schools. When twenty-two years old, he went to Michigan, where he was engaged for a year and a half in a chair factory and saw-mill. Returning to Franklin County, Mass., Mr. Mayo worked as a cabinet-maker the following eight years at Tully, and then came to Orange, where he was first employed as foreman for the J. S. Dewing Company, and was next with the Levi Kilbourn Company, where he remained nine years. Since that time he has held his present position with the New Home Sewing Machine Company, being one of its most trusted and valued employees. Mr. Mayo's politics are firmly embodied in the principles of the Republican party, and

his religious faith is that of the Universalist denomination.

On February 14, 1861, Mr. Mayo was united in marriage with Abby M. W. Mayo, who is a native of North Orange, born November 24, 1843, being a daughter of Caleb and Mary W. (Ward) Mayo, the former having been a native of the same place, born September 15, 1808. When only seven years of age, Caleb Mayo was bound out to a neighboring farmer, and for many years worked for his board, clothing, and schooling. He afterward learned the wheelwright's trade, and carried on a successful business in Tully for eight years, when, being burned out, he opened a store at North Orange; but five years later he sold out, and removing to Orange worked in a cabinet-shop for twenty years. He was a man of iron constitution, vigorous and hearty to the end of his long life of eighty-five years, his death then being the result of a cut on his hand, which terminated in blood-poisoning. He was a strong Republican in his political affiliations, and religiously was an active member of the Universalist church. His wife, who died at the age of seventy-five years, was the mother of seven children; namely, Sarah W., Desire G., Hannah A., Henry H., Abby M. W., Roxie J., and Daniel F.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Mayo was Stephen Mayo, who was born in Orange, February 2, 1783, and who died here in 1870. He was a progressive and practical agriculturist and a citizen of integrity. In April, 1804, he married Mary Cheney, who was born July 20, 1784, and lived to the age of eighty-six years. They reared a large family of children; namely, Levi, Nancy, Caleb, Nancy B., Esther, William, Mary C., Dolly, and Roxie. Two children only have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mayo, the elder of whom, Mary L., born September 23, 1879, lived but one day. Their

other, a promising son, named Henry A. Mayo, was born November 21, 1883. The pleasant and attractive home of the family is at 26 High Street, a fine location, in a house built by Mr. Mayo in 1873.

AMOS D. ELMER, a well-known resident of Northfield, proprietor and manufacturer of Elmer's Pain-killing Balm, was born in this town, August 10, 1830, son of Amos and Sally (Woodard) Elmer. Mr. Elmer's father, who was a native of Vernon, Vt., resided upon a farm in Northfield a few years, and then went to Montague, where he continued to follow agriculture for some time. He subsequently removed to Shutesbury, and finally returned to Northfield, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-one years.

His wife was a daughter of John and Sally (Drury) Woodard, the former a farmer, thought to have been of Scotch descent, who resided in Northfield. It is recorded in the family genealogies appended to the History of Northfield that Mr. John Woodward, as the name is there spelled, was from Norwich, England, was a soldier under Burgoyne, and, being taken when his army was captured, some time after enlisted in the American army, in which he served two years, being discharged by General Knox at West Point in October, 1783. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Elmer became the parents of six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Amos D. Elmer, whose name appears at the head of this sketch; John Elmer, a resident of Readsboro, Vt.; and George Elmer, residing in Providence, R.I. The mother died at the residence of her son, Amos D., October 14, 1890, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Amos D. Elmer passed his boyhood days in Montague, and at the age of thirteen years began life as a farm laborer, working by the month. He later found employment in the lumber-mills, where he was occupied until reaching the age of twenty-four, when he went to work in the broom-shops in Amherst, where he was employed for a time, later following the same occupation in Northfield. He then commenced the manufacture of medicinal remedies, and placed upon the market an article that was known as "Adhesive Salve," later introducing his "French Remedy," which found a ready sale. In 1865 he began the manufacture and sale of "Pain-killing Balm," a medicine which immediately sprang into popularity, and made a name for itself without the expenditure of a small fortune in advertising, being sold entirely upon its merits. His preparations are shipped from Northfield to all parts of the country, the business being in a flourishing condition, the legitimate result of Mr. Elmer's energy and business ability.

On November 27, 1856, Mr. Elmer was united in marriage to Marietta Coburn, daughter of Leonard and Dolly (Lucas) Coburn, of Bernardston. Mrs. Elmer was born April 10, 1837. Her father was a prosperous farmer, who, after residing in Bernardston for several years, died in Greenfield, at the age of fifty-five. Her mother, who was a native of Glastonbury, Conn., had a family of six children, five of whom are still living. She died in Hartford, Conn., at the age of sixty-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer have one son, Alton D., who was born in Northfield, October 21, 1868. He has a good education, being a graduate of the Mount Hermon School, of the first class, and is occupying a position on the editorial staff of the *Boston Journal*. He is a member of Park Street Church of Boston. Mr. Amos D. Elmer is a Unitarian in relig-

ion. He and his wife are among the most prominent and respected residents of Northfield.

ALONZO GRAVES, of Heath, Franklin County, Mass., for many years a practical mechanic and now engaged in agricultural pursuits, was born in the neighboring town of Greenfield, December 14, 1829. His parents were Horace and Bathsheba (Mitchell) Graves, the former of whom was a native of Greenfield, where he acquired the trade of a printer and book-binder, and followed that occupation through life. The first wife of Horace Graves died, leaving four children: Horace, Ashley, Esther, and Martha. His second wife, Bathsheba Mitchell, also had four children; namely, Lucius, Irene, Alonzo, and William H., who died at four months. The father, subsequent to his second marriage, moved to Troy, N.Y., where he conducted a very successful business, and died at the age of fifty years. His widow became the wife of Robert Clark, who died aged sixty, while she, having a vigorous constitution, lived to reach the advanced age of ninety-six years, and was remarkably active to the last. She was a daughter of Moses and Lydia (Hale) Mitchell, her father being a prosperous farmer of Bernardston.

Alonzo Graves was left fatherless at the tender age of three years. At nine years of age he commenced to earn his own living, being employed as chore boy on the farm of Colonel A. Smead, where he was obliged to milk nine cows, both morning and night, together with attending to other duties equally arduous; and at the end of his four years' service he received from his employer two dollars. Tiring of farm life under such conditions, he then went to Bernardston; and, after learning the blacksmith's trade of B.

Snow, followed that occupation for some years in that place and at Brattleboro, Vt. He next entered the employ of John Russell at the cutlery works in Greenfield, remaining there two years, and was subsequently engaged in the same business, both at Shelburne Falls and Conway, going from the latter place to Windsor, Vt., where he ran a trip-hammer machine in the manufacture of table forks. Later he was foreman of the Bay State shops at Northampton, Mass., for a period of two years, and from there he went to Kenosha, Wis. Continuing in that State, he worked for the Racine Hardware and School Furniture Company, and then became a contractor for them. Failing health led to his return to New England; and in 1892 he settled at Heath, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty acres, known as the Hunt place, and cheerily resumed the occupation of his early years. Since acquiring possession of the property, he has effected many noticeable improvements, having completely remodelled the buildings, and is now progressing very satisfactorily in the dairying and stock-raising business.

On November 24, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor D. Temple, of Heath, daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Stone) Temple, and grand-daughter of Solomon Temple, who was one of the very first settlers of the town. Solomon Temple purchased one hundred and thirty acres of wild land, which he cleared into a productive farm, and died at a good old age. His children were: Nathaniel, Richard, Benjamin, Asa, Abigail, Thankful, Lucy, and Solomon, Jr. The last, who was born in 1782, succeeded to the possession of the old homestead, where he died at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having been called to rest at the age of forty years. Mrs. Graves's brothers and sisters were: Na-

thaniel, Mary, Hamilton, Otis, Richard, James, and Elma E. Subsequent to the death of his first wife, Solomon Temple married Fanny Flagg, who survived but three weeks; and for his third wife he wedded Mrs. Marsh, who bore him two children: James C. and Fanny. He served in the war of 1812, was a Whig in politics, and was a Congregationalist in his religious views.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves have had seven children: Herbert A., who was born May 14, 1855, and married Sarah A. Hallock; Clarence H., who was born May 14, 1857, married Ella M. Gormley, and has one daughter, named Florence; Lizzie, born October 16, 1859, who wedded Ira D. Canedy, and has two children—Eva M. and Ella J.; Charles F., born August 22, 1861, and now residing at home; Richard, who died at the age of five years; Jeannette I., born September 4, 1866; and Reginald S., born May 10, 1869. Mr. Graves is a Republican in politics and liberal in his religious views.

LORENZO P. MUNN, farmer, a highly respected citizen of Gill, Franklin County, Mass., a representative of one of the oldest families of the Connecticut valley, was born in this town, September, 2, 1815, only son of Seth, Jr., and Gratia (Wright) Munn. Mr. Munn is a lineal descendant of Benjamin Munn, who was an early settler of Hartford, Conn., but who removed to Springfield, Mass., in 1649, after fighting in the Pequot War, and whose son John was wounded in a battle with the Indians at Turner's Falls in 1676. John Munn, second, born in 1712, son of Benjamin, second, and grandson of the first-named John, settled at Gill in 1739, and improved his farm, upon which he resided until his death. He reared

a family of eight children. His son Seth, grandfather of Lorenzo P., succeeded to a part of this farm, which he carried on with prosperous results, and died at the age of fifty-four years. It is stated in the History of the Connecticut Valley that he served in the Revolutionary Army in 1779. His wife, Selina Janes, a native of Northfield, where her family were early settlers, died at the age of fifty-eight years, eight months, and twenty-two days. They had seven children, four sons and three daughters.

Seth Munn, Jr., one of their sons, succeeded to the possession of the old homestead by purchasing the rights of the other heirs, and became a very successful farmer and a man of influence in the community. He was by nature an earnest seeker after knowledge, a great reader of books; and he was, above all, a very able Bible student. He married Gratia, a daughter of Oliver Wright, who belonged to one of the oldest families of Northfield, and they were the parents of six children, of whom three are still living, namely: Lucretia, widow of Uriah Tracy; Abigail, widow of James D. Merdough; and Lorenzo P. Munn, our subject. Seth Munn, Jr., died at the age of eighty-seven; and his first wife, Gratia, at the age of fifty-three years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church and prominent in Sunday-school work.

Lorenzo P. Munn received a fair education, attending the district school and also a private school in his native town; and he has resided at his present home during his entire life, with the exception of some short intervals in which he made visits to the West and South. When of sufficient age to drive oxen, ride a horse, or handle a hoe, he commenced to assist his father in the labors of the farm, in time becoming proficient in the various branches of agriculture, to which in his long period of

activity he has devoted his energies with satisfactory results. He now cultivates seventy of the original one hundred acres of land, and the adjoining farms upon each side of his property are occupied by his sons.

In 1838 Mr. Munn married Ruth Severance, daughter of Orin Severance, of Gill, and she became the mother of four children, as follows: Mary Sophia, who married John Delvey and reared two of her four children, John and Nellie; Charles, who married Sarah Ripley, and has three children, Grace, Frank, and Mary; Chandler, who married Nellie Moore, and has two children, Lewis C. and Lucy; Sarah, a maiden lady, who died at the age of thirty years. Mr. Munn's first wife died at the age of fifty-four years; and he wedded for his second wife, Sarah Cleflin, a native of Canada, a daughter of Luther Cleflin, whose father, Samuel Cleflin, came from England. Luther Cleflin moved to the vicinity of Ogdensburg, N.Y., when his daughter Sarah was two years old. He lived on a farm and followed the trade of a mason until his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-four years. Mrs. Munn's mother, whose maiden name was Orpha Andrews, was born in Vermont, and died at the age of eighty-two years, having reared eight of her ten children, three of whom are still living; namely, Sarah (Mrs. Munn), Mabel E., and Clara, wife of Willard Hastings, of Gill.

Mr. Munn was formerly a Whig in politics, having cast his first Presidential vote for General Harrison in 1840, but has been a Republican since the formation of that party, and, although he has been frequently solicited to accept public office, has always declined. The family are members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Munn and his sons are very prominent in both the church and Sunday-school.

ELBRIDGE ADAMS, a retired manufacturer and well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Shelburne Falls, Franklin County, was born in Brookfield, Mass., February 24, 1818, son of Silas and Tirzah (Morey) Adams, and grandson of Jesse and Miriam (Richardson) Adams.

Henry Adams, the progenitor of this branch of the Adams family in America, came from England and settled in what is now Quincy, Mass., about 1630. His sixth son, Joseph, was great-grandfather of President John Adams. Jesse Adams, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a son of Abraham, grandson of John, and great-grandson of Henry Adams's seventh son, Edward Adams, who settled in Medfield, Mass. Jesse Adams was born in Brookfield, Mass., June 20, 1755. Like the majority of his contemporaries, he turned his attention to agriculture in early manhood, purchasing a farm in his native town, and spent his life as a progressive and successful farmer. He served in the Revolutionary War as a private more than two years. Jesse Adams died on September 24, 1827. His wife, Miriam Richardson Adams, bore him several children, including four sons and two daughters, who grew to maturity, as follows: Charles, who became a successful physician; Asa; Silas; Amasa; Catharine; and Cynthia, Mrs. Bowen. The mother lived to be over eighty years of age.

Silas Adams was also a native of Brookfield, Mass., his birth occurring there on October 18, 1786. He remained with his parents and cared for them during the declining years of their life. At their death he became the owner of the old homestead, a farm containing about one hundred and twenty acres of land, which he continued to carry on with profit. His death occurred on July 29, 1842. His wife, Tirzah Morey Adams, who was born August 29,

1790, was a daughter of Ephraim Morey. They became the parents of four sons and a daughter, namely: Simon A. and Elbridge, both of whom died in youth; Elbridge; Frederick A.; and Lorinda. The mother died November 27, 1882, a little over forty years after the father's decease. In politics the father was a Whig, and in religious views he was liberal.

Elbridge Adams, who grew to manhood on the old homestead, received a good practical education in the district schools of Brookfield. At eighteen years of age he learned the trade of a shoemaker, and continued to follow this vocation with profit for twelve years. He then came to Shelburne Falls, where he was engaged as an overseer in the grinding and finishing room of the Lamson & Goodnow Cutlery manufactory, remaining in that position for twenty-seven years. Mr. Adams next engaged in business for himself, purchasing a building on Mechanic Street, which he remodelled and fitted up for the manufacture of paper boxes, an enterprise that he followed with profit for fifteen years, and in which he employed about ten assistants. At the expiration of that time he sold the business to H. A. Bowen, retaining the building, which he still owns. Mr. Adams then practically retired from active business life, although he is now superintendent of the cemetery, a position that he has held for eight years. In 1852, when High Street, which at that time was a rye field, was laid out, he purchased a lot and built the house in which he now resides. His was the first dwelling erected on the street, and was then considered quite out in the country; to-day High Street is one of the best streets in the village, and has many fine residences. In front of his home are two noble elm-trees, which he set out at the time of building. He also owns a large tenement-house, which he has remodelled.

Mr. Adams has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Sirilla Gavitt, daughter of Ephraim Gavitt, to whom he was married in 1842. She died in 1882, at sixty-one years of age, leaving two children: Henry E., born June 22, 1855, who resides in Beverly, Mass.; and Lorinda Ann, born January 6, 1843, now the widow of Joseph Merrill, by whom she has one child — Martha A. On October 10, 1883, Mr. Adams married Mrs. Angeline Vincent, daughter of Newell Phelps and Hannah A. Bassett Phelps. Her father was a successful agriculturalist of Clarksburg, Mass., where he was also engaged in the vocation of a carpenter. He is a supporter of Republican principles, and takes a keen interest in public affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are the parents of five children, Mrs. Adams being an only daughter. The sons are: Edgar C., Henry, Edwin E., and George W.

Mr. Adams is a staunch Republican, and has always taken an active interest in town affairs. For eight years he rendered faithful and acceptable service as a member of the Board of Selectmen. He and his wife are active and influential members of the Universalist church.

FRANCIS H. WRIGHT, a well-known farmer of Northfield, was born in Boston, March 2, 1838, son of Phineas and Elizabeth (Heath) Wright. Mr. Wright's grandfather, Phineas Wright, Sr., was a native of Westford, Mass., where he followed agricultural pursuits and passed his entire life. His son and namesake, Phineas Wright, was born in Westford, and at the age of twenty-one years engaged in the trucking business in Boston, which he carried on for some years, later relinquishing that to enter the grocery business on Bromfield Street, and for many years was well and favorably known in busi-

ness circles. He engaged to a considerable extent in other ventures, finally retiring from mercantile life and settling upon a large farm at Northfield, on which he remodelled the house and made other improvements. He enjoyed a long career of prosperity as a farmer, and died at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Elizabeth, was a daughter of Samuel Heath, of Nashua, N.H., and they were the parents of two children: Phineas H., who was a business man of Boston, and died in Northfield on March 3, 1856, aged thirty-four years; and Francis H., the subject of the present sketch. The mother died at the age of seventy-nine years.

Francis H. Wright was educated at a school in Bernardston and the academy in Northfield, and, after finishing his studies, he entered as a clerk the freight department of the Fitchburg Railroad, where he remained for several years. After his mother's death he took charge of the property which fell to his possession. He has since continued to reside at the old homestead, with the exception of a few short intervals, during which he has visited California and has given his attention to some business interests in Boston.

At the age of twenty-five years Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia Brown, daughter of William and Cynthia (Shattuck) Brown, of Northfield. Her father was for some years an extensive manufacturer of brooms; he removed from Northfield to Wisconsin, where he passed the remainder of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Wright reared three sons, as follows: Hammett, who married Miss Christina Sauter, of Greenfield, and is in business in Boston; William E., who is with Beemis, Call & Co., of Springfield; and Frederick P., who is in the hardware business in Boston. Mrs. Wright died on October 13, 1888. Mr. Wright is a Republican in poli-

tics. For many years he has been a member of the Masonic Lodge of Northfield, in which he has held the office of Secretary and Treasurer. He attends the Unitarian church.

LEMMETT F. HASKINS, of Charlemont, Deputy Sheriff, is one of those intelligent, energetic, and courageous men who have attained success in life through sheer persistency. He was born among the hills of Savoy, Berkshire County, August 23, 1854. The first of his ancestors of whom we have any knowledge were his great-grandparents, Shurdick and Betsey Haskins, of Savoy, who died there in advanced years. They reared five children, as follows: Levi, Samuel, Ira, Mary Ann, and Lydia.

The next in line of descent was Levi Haskins, who spent his entire life in the quaint town of Savoy. Like his father, he was engaged in farming pursuits, although, the larger part of his land being heavily wooded, he derived a good income from cutting the timber and manufacturing it into lumber, he being the owner of a saw-mill, with which he carried on an extensive business. Besides tilling his land, he made a specialty of buying wood lots in the vicinity, and in the winter season cleared them and sold the lumber. He was a Democrat in politics; and both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Julia Bul-lard, were faithful members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of nine children; namely, Julia Ann, Hubbard, Diantha, Alvin, Cornelia, Henry, Octavia, Jane, and Tyler. Hubbard Haskins, who from the order in which they are recorded appears to have been the eldest son, was born in Savoy in 1826, and there grew to manhood, working at home, milling and lumbering, for many years. He married Elizabeth Russell, who bore him

two children, Emmett F. and Emerson F., the latter of whom died at the age of seventeen years. When these sons were quite young, both parents died, leaving them to the care of their grandparents.

Emmett F. Haskins remained with his grandfather until twelve years old, when he went to work at farming for an uncle, with whom he lived two and one-half years. He became a wage-earner at the age of fifteen years, being very capable and industrious, and during the six summer months received ten dollars per month. The next season he was engaged by another neighbor, who appreciated his good qualities, and offered him thirteen dollars a month, but in the end failed to give him a penny. Not being discouraged, however, he kept at farm labor until nineteen years old, when he went into a shop to work at making scythe snaths, an occupation which he followed nine years. Mr. Haskins afterward assisted for two years in the delivery of ore from the Davis sulphur mine, and since then has had constant and paying employment, a man of his willing disposition, marked ability, and exemplary habits, being always needed. Having been wisely economical from his youth, in good time he accumulated enough money to buy a lot on Main Street in Charle-mont, and thereon he has erected the finest house in that part of the village. In February, 1893, he was appointed to his present office of Deputy Sheriff, and has discharged its duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned and with credit to himself.

An important step in the career of Mr. Haskins was his marriage with Hattie A. Wells, the nuptials having been celebrated October 10, 1875. Mrs. Haskins was born in New Ashford, August 3, 1858, being a daughter of Alexander and Lydia (Bliss) Wells, the former of whom was a silver-plater by trade, and

a life-long resident of New Ashford. He died in 1893, aged sixty-five years, leaving four children; namely, Charles A., Hattie A. (Mrs. Haskins), Mary E., and Carrie A. Mr. and Mrs. Haskins have two children: Lilla E., born February 26, 1879; and Arthur M., born October 2, 1885. Mr. Haskins affiliates with the Republican party in politics, and with the liberals in his religious views.

ARTHUR FRANCIS SLATE, a prominent architect and contractor of Franklin County, was born at Manchester, Conn., December 29, 1842, a son of Thomas F. and Eliza (Parker) Slate. The Slate family have been known and honored in New England for several generations, more especially in Vermont and Connecticut. John J. Slate, father of Thomas F., was born and bred in the Green Mountain State. During his younger years he was there engaged in farming, but later in life removed to Manchester, Conn., where he carried on a successful business as a hotel-keeper. He lived to the age of seventy-four years, and was an active worker in religious circles, being a Deacon of the Congregational church. He married Julia Bryant, a daughter of William C. and Hannah (Gurley) Bryant, the latter being a member of the Gurley family who played such an important part in the settlement and upbuilding of the great city of Chicago. Six children were born of their union; namely, Sophia, Roxanna, Mary, Juliet, John J., and Thomas F.

Thomas F. Slate was born at Manchester, Conn., in 1822, and was reared to farming pursuits, remaining at home until twenty years old, when he learned the tailor's trade, which he continued to follow as long as his health permitted, becoming very proficient at this work, and having a large patronage. He mar-

ried Eliza Parker, and died at the early age of thirty-two years, leaving his young widow with one child, Arthur Francis, of whom we write. Mrs. Eliza P. Slate was born in Holden, Mass., January 31, 1823, and was a daughter of Jeremiah and Dorcas (Smith) Parker. Her father was a prosperous farmer, and she was one of a family of seven children; namely, Jeremiah, George, Aaron, Hannah, Columbus, Margaret, and Eliza P. Margaret Parker married Rodney Hunt, and bore three children: Hobart, Julia, and Solon, not one of whom is now living. She departed this life in the fifty-fourth year of her age, and Mr. Hunt afterward married his sister-in-law, Mrs. Eliza P. Slate. Of this union no children were born.

Rodney Hunt was born, in 1810, at Ashburnham, Mass., a son of Peter and Keziah (Hobart) Hunt, and a worthy descendant of William Hunt, of Yorkshire, England. He was an energetic, industrious, and determined young man, beginning his career as a clerk in a hotel, where he saved three hundred dollars of his scanty wages, with which sum he raised the mortgage on his father's farm. After this was accomplished, Mr. Hunt learned the wheelwright's trade, and subsequently established himself in the business of manufacturing chairs and pails, at Wilton, Mass., but met with reverses, losing his entire property. Leaving his family, he came to Orange and began working as a wood-chopper at one dollar a day, which enabled him to supply the necessities of his family, and finally to bring them to this town. Although he had lost his money, his credit was still good; and he had no difficulty in borrowing money to buy a saw-mill at Warwick. This mill he remodelled, and by having good management, succeeded in placing it in a good paying condition. He sold the entire plant for three thousand dollars,

a large advance on the original cost, which was six hundred dollars. Having paid his indebtedness, Mr. Hunt had enough left to again start in business; and, after working for a while at his trade in Orange, he formed a partnership with two gentlemen, and they began manufacturing water-wheels and different kinds of machinery, under the firm name of Hunt, Waite & Flint.

Mr. Hunt had mechanical genius and a fertile brain, and later invented the turbine water-wheel, which brought him a fortune. The firm with which he was connected was eventually dissolved, and a stock company formed, incorporated under the name of the Rodney Hunt Machine Company, Mr. Hunt being President. This office he held up to the time of his death, in the eightieth year of his age. In politics he was a stanch Republican. He served with fidelity as Selectman and Assessor of Orange, and for three terms represented his district in the State legislature. Religiously, he was a firm believer in the tenets of the Baptist church. Personally, Mr. Rodney Hunt was a man of tender feeling and open-handed generosity, heedful of the wants of the poor and needy, never forgetting the time when he himself was in humble circumstances. In 1845 he built a fine house in Orange, and this is now occupied by his widow, Mrs. Eliza P. Hunt, a lovable woman, bearing with ease her many years of life, and held in high esteem by her friends and neighbors.

Arthur Francis Slate received a practical education in the public schools of his native town; and, being gifted by nature with mechanical ability, he learned the carpenter's trade when quite young. He had scarcely completed his trade when the tocsin of war resounded throughout the land; and, although a beardless youth of eighteen years, he loyally

responded to the call for volunteers. On September 9, 1861, he enlisted in Company B, Tenth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry, under the command of Colonel Russell, and served in that company until October 25, 1864, having been promoted for brave and meritorious conduct on September 1, 1862, to the rank of Corporal, and again June 1, 1864, to that of Sergeant of the company. On October 25, 1864, Mr. Slate was appointed, by General A. H. Terry, First Lieutenant of Company G of the same regiment, and June 19, 1865, was commissioned, by General John Gibbons, Captain of the company. His regiment went out in the Burnside expedition; and he was an active participant in all of the battles of any importance in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia, being at Hilton Head, at the second battle of James Island, and for three months under a steady fire at Fort Wagner. He was also at the front during the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Although in the midst of danger a great part of the time, Captain Slate escaped serious injury, four wounds which he received being but slight. On August 31, 1865, he was honorably discharged, and on the 4th of September he returned to the scenes of his childhood. Since then, with the exception of three years that he was engaged in the coal business at Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Slate has worked at his trade. In 1891 he settled in Orange, where he is carrying on an extensive and lucrative business in designing, contracting, and building. The Memorial Hall, and several beautiful dwelling-houses in Orange which have been erected under his supervision, are a standing monument to his good taste and mechanical skill. At present he is working on a large and handsome hall at Cole-rain, which will be an ornament to the place.

On March 4, 1867, Mr. Slate married Ellen A. Larkin, who was a native of Unionville,

Conn., a daughter of John and Maria (Fuller) Larkin, respected members of the agricultural community of that town, neither of whom is now living, Mr. Larkin having passed away at the age of threescore and ten years, and his wife at the age of seventy-one. They were the parents of three children: Charles, Ellen A., and Jennie. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Slate was a daughter, Estella, whose stay upon earth was but nine short years. Mother and daughter are now united, the death of Mrs. Slate having occurred in Philadelphia on October 25, 1877. On June 14, 1886, Mr. Slate was married to Mathilde Minugh, of Long Branch, N.J. She was born in Jersey City, February 1, 1862, being one of nine children of George and Mary (Hoag) Minugh, the former a prominent man at Long Branch. Mr. Slate has no children by his second marriage.

Mr. Slate is a zealous advocate of the principles of the Republican party, and takes an intelligent interest in the affairs of his adopted town, where he is now serving as Assessor. He is prominent in military circles, and belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, Post of Orange.

BED S. ARMS is a boot and shoe dealer of South Deerfield, Mass., who has occupied his present place of business for the past forty years. He was born in this village, August 13, 1830, where his father, Josiah Arms, was also born on March 15, 1800. The latter was a son of Eliphaz Arms and grandson of Thomas Arms, both of whom were also natives of Deerfield. The family, so far as known, is descended from William Arms, who was born in the Island of Jersey. Its genealogy was published in 1877, by Edward W. Arms, at Troy, N.Y.

Eliphaz Arms, who was probably a farmer, passed his entire life in this village. His son Josiah established a shoe manufactory in Deerfield, where for a period of eighteen years he produced fine, hand-made goods, of a superior quality. He died at the age of forty years. Josiah Arms married for his second wife Abigail Squires, of Bernardston, Obed S. Arms being the only child of this union. After the death of her first husband, Mrs. Abigail S. Arms married Asa Edwards, of South Deerfield, with whom she moved to Southampton, where she died in 1869 at the age of fifty-nine years.

Obed S. Arms, after attending for some years the schools of his native town, spent six months as a student at the Shelburne Falls Academy, and then became a clerk in a store in Greenfield, where he remained for about two years. Returning to South Deerfield at the expiration of that time, in 1854 he here went into business on his own account as a retailer, and also began manufacturing shoes in a small way, occupying a dwelling-house for that purpose. In 1855 he opened his present store, where he has since continued to carry on a successful business, and, with a single exception, is the only tradesman in Franklin County who has remained in one place of business for such an unusual length of time. His mercantile career has extended over a long period, only two merchants now doing business in Deerfield having been thus engaged longer than he. Mr. Arms has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-townsmen, whom he has well and faithfully served. He relinquished manufacturing some time since, and now devotes his time to the retail trade, carrying a complete and varied assortment of his line of goods.

Mr. Arms has been thrice married, his first wife, whom he wedded in 1852, having been

Julia Wrisley, a resident of Northfield Farms, who died in 1860, aged twenty-eight years, leaving no children. His second wife was Leeta A. Lovejoy, of Augusta, Me., who died leaving one child, Carrie L.; and his present wife was before marriage Elizabeth Babcock, of South Deerfield. Mr. Arms is a Republican in politics. He officiated as Postmaster at South Deerfield a period of twenty-four years, from Lincoln's administration to the first term of President Cleveland, has held the office of Town Treasurer seven years, and has acted as a Justice of the Peace and Notary Public for twenty years. He is a Master Mason, having joined the craft in 1861, and is a member of the Congregational church, as was also his second wife. He has been treasurer of the church for fourteen years, and has been otherwise active in church work for many years.

FRANCIS R. PRATT, Treasurer of the H. H. Mayhew Corporation, manufacturers of mechanics' tools at Shelburne Falls, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Charlemont, a few miles away, April 3, 1835, a son of Josiah and Catherine (Hall) Pratt. His grandfather, Josiah Pratt, Sr., who was a native of Mansfield, Mass., after marrying bought a farm in Buckland, in this county, and, besides attending to the cultivation of the land, worked at carpentry. He subsequently sold his Buckland property and removed to Shelburne Falls, where he remained but a short time. As old age crept upon him he retired from active work, and, returning to Buckland, there passed away at the age of eighty-seven. In politics Josiah Pratt was a Whig. He was a member of the Congregational church, and for many years was Deacon. He was the father of six children, four sons and two daughters.

Josiah Pratt, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Mansfield, Mass., January 17, 1802. He was for twenty years engaged in the manufacture of axes at Charlemont, doing the work mostly by hand, as was customary at that time, and conducting a good business. In 1843 he removed to Shelburne Falls, where he had a thriving trade, and in 1865 he sold his business and retired. His workshop was on the river bank, and was destroyed by the flood in 1869. Josiah Pratt died in 1887, at the age of eighty-five. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion he held liberal views. He was a member of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M. His wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Hall, was the daughter of Joel Hall, one of the original charter members of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., which was instituted at Rowe, Mass., in 1802. She was a member of the Unitarian church. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt were the parents of the following children: Frank J., who for some time was associated with his father in business at Shelburne Falls; Mary H.; Catherine A.; Francis R.; Julia M.; George B.; Ellery C.; and Anna I.

Francis R. Pratt finished his education at the Shelburne Falls Academy, and up to the age of twenty-seven he was engaged in the axe business with his father. In 1862 he entered the employ of W. H. Maynard & Co., tool manufacturers, and remained with them until 1867, just previous to which date W. H. Maynard & Co. were succeeded by H. S. Shepardson & Co. The next five years Mr. Pratt spent in Worcester, Mass., in the office of W. H. Maynard & Co., wholesale grain dealers. In 1872, following his original bent, he returned to Shelburne Falls, and again associated himself with manufacturing interests by accepting the position of superintendent with H. S. Shepardson & Co., manufacturers of me-

chanics' tools and hardware specialties, and has remained with this concern and its successors ever since. In 1876, following the death of Mr. Shepardson, the business was sold out to H. H. Mayhew & Co., Mr. Pratt still acting as superintendent and manager. Later a stock company was formed, under the name of H. H. Mayhew Company, tool manufacturers, which employed a force of thirty-five men. Mr. Pratt became Assistant Treasurer of the company in 1886, and on the death of Mr. Mayhew, in 1894, was made Treasurer.

Mr. Pratt was married in 1863 to Lydia A., daughter of Caleb and Mary (Burnett) Taft, the former a progressive and well-to-do farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Pratt have one son, William M., who is Treasurer of Goodell Brothers Company, manufacturers of hardware specialties at Greenfield, Mass. He married Emma C. Richardson, and has two children: Ethel A. and Francis W. His residence is in Greenfield, Mass.

In politics Francis R. Pratt is an independent Democrat. He is one of the trustees of the savings bank and a member of the investing committee. Socially, he belongs to Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M. In religious views he is liberal, and his wife is a member of the Episcopal church. They have a pleasant home, shaded by fine old maples.

FLARDING G. WOODARD, whose portrait accompanies this brief memoir, was for many years a prosperous business man of Greenfield, Mass. He was born in New Braintree, in this State, August 14, 1822, son of Freeman and Mary (Green) Woodard. Freeman Woodard's native place was Dana, Mass., the date of his birth being April 13, 1798. He worked as a mechanic the greater part of his life, and died



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at the home of his son, Harding G., in Greenfield, March 14, 1862. His wife, Mrs. Mary Green Woodard, was born May 20, 1804, in the town of Barre, Mass., and died at the son's home in Greenfield on Christmas Day, 1881.

Mr. Harding G. Woodard learned his trade of butcher in Worcester, Mass., and made a specialty of dressing and dealing in veal. In 1847, after having lived in various places in Massachusetts, he removed to Greenfield, and here went into business as a wholesale dealer in veal, beef, poultry, hides, and tallow. He was the leading man of the place in this trade, which he conducted on an extensive scale and carried on for twenty-five years. Mr. Woodard's successful career is a good illustration of what energy and perseverance can accomplish. He began life a poor boy, buying his time of his father for three hundred dollars; and at his death he owned the home, with some twenty-five acres of land and other property, valued in all at fifty thousand dollars.

He was first married November 28, 1844, to Sarah J. Ranney, who died October 11, 1861, leaving four children. He was again married January 6, 1863, to Martha Burnham, who lived but a few years. After her death, which occurred April 29, 1867, Mr. Woodard on March 10, 1868, married for his third wife Miss Lizzie Meriam, who was born May 21, 1839, in Keene, N.H., the daughter of Joshua and Nancy (Holbrook) Meriam. Her father was born at Ashburnham, Mass., and her mother at the same place. The Meriam family settled in Ashburnham during the Revolutionary War. They were a branch of the Marion family. John Marion was born in England, in 1620; and his son Samuel was born in Boston, in 1655. Ignatius Meriam, who was the first of the family to settle in Ashburnham, died April 3, 1799, and his wife on April 2 of

the same year. Joshua Meriam, their son and the father of Mrs. Woodard, was a shoemaker by trade, an energetic and industrious man, and a total abstainer from intoxicants. He was a member of the Methodist church and in politics a Republican. His first wife, Nancy Holbrook, died at Ashburnham, July 30, 1852. He had two children by this union, Mrs. Woodard being the only one living; but by his second marriage, to Roxanna Fassett, he had no children. Mr. Meriam married for his third wife Miss Jane R. Wood, of English birth; and the result of this union was a daughter, Miss E. J. Meriam, who is a resident of Boston; and a son, Otis Bradford, who died aged ten months.

Harding G. Woodard was a consistent member of the Methodist church and a staunch Republican. He died March 19, 1884, leaving a widow and seven children, six of whom are now living: Mrs. Sarah L. Johnson, of Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. E. E. Baker, of Tolland, Conn.; J. Madison Woodard and Newman H. Woodard, both veal dealers of Greenfield, carrying on the extensive business left by their father; Herbert Meriam Woodard, in the real estate business in Boston; Charles G. Woodard, in the lumber business in Greenfield; and M. Mabelle, who died June 21, 1890, at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. Jane R. Woodard still resides on the old Woodard place, enjoying its comforts and the many friends she has won to herself by her attractive graces of mind and character. She is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

LEVI PRESTON CHENEY, an enterprising, progressive, and liberal-minded citizen of North Orange, owns and occupies one of the finest estates in Franklin County. Mr. Cheney was born June

3, 1846, in the town of Orange, which was the birthplace of many of his ancestors, who were important factors in the settlement and up-building of this part of the county. His paternal grandfather, Levi Cheney, was born in Orange, December 2, 1751, and was long a leader in all enterprises tending to advance the prosperity of the town. He was a farmer, residing in the western part of the place, and a man of iron constitution. He rounded out nearly a century of years, living to the age of ninety-six; and even in old age his hand did not forget the cunning of youth, as he proved to the younger generation by going into the hayfield when his head was silvered by the frosts of ninety-two years, and there showing the men how to mow. He was active in politics, and a stanch Whig. His views on religious matters were clear and liberal, he being a conscientious follower of the Universalist doctrines. His first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Hill, died at the age of threescore years, leaving seven children, as follows: Esther, Mary, Levi, Peter, Stephen, Louis, and Alexander. He subsequently married Miss Sarah Ballou, who bore him two children, namely: Asula P. (Mrs. Goddard); and Preston Cheney, the father of the subject of this brief sketch.

Preston Cheney was born in Orange, July 7, 1823, and spent his entire life within its limits, dying October 13, 1855. Following in the footsteps of his honored sire, he became a farmer, and was a loyal and worthy citizen of the place, a valued member of the Republican party, and a strong Universalist in his religious beliefs. He married Mary A. Osgood, who bore him three children, namely: Levi Preston, of whom we write in the present sketch; George, born December 2, 1847, who died in November, 1892; and Charles N., born June 27, 1849, now a carpenter in Athol,

who married Mary Shannon, and has three children — Frank, Mary, and Sylvester.

Levi P. Cheney had the misfortune to be bereft of a father's care and counsel when a young lad; and, the home being broken up, he went to Athol, where he worked for John Kendall at farming and lumbering until twenty-two years old, attending school in the winter. Removing to Tully, Mr. Cheney worked for four years in a furniture-shop, an employment in which he took great pleasure. He lived in Warwick for twelve years, carrying on the farm of his father-in-law, but gave it up, that he might care for his aunt, Mrs. Asula Goddard, and look after her property in North Orange. He was next employed in a furniture-shop in Orange, where he remained until 1893, when he returned to North Orange to take possession of the home left him by his aunt at her decease. This is beautifully located, commanding one of the best long-distance views to be found in many miles around, Tully Mountain being east, and a pretty pond not far away. It is finely improved, with commodious residence and barn; and there he and his family enjoy all the comforts of life. During the summer season Mr. Cheney throws his house open to boarders from the city, being able to accommodate about twenty-five, who enjoy to the utmost the hospitalities of his house, and find rare delight in the pleasant drives of the locality, becoming refreshed and rejuvenated after a summer's stay.

On August 27, 1873, Mr. Cheney married Miss Martha Ward. She was born December 25, 1850, in Warwick, being a daughter of William and Zebiah (Sandin) Ward, the former of whom was born April 15, 1800, and died in August, 1868. His wife was some years younger than he, having been born April 12, 1819, a few weeks prior to the birth of Queen Victoria. Six children were born to

Mr. and Mrs. Ward; namely, William J., Harriet E., Stephen G., Martha A., Oliver D., and Charles F. Mr. and Mrs. Cheney are the parents of two children: Henry W., born June 24, 1874; and Carrie E., born August 5, 1875. In politics Mr. Cheney is a sound Republican. Religiously, he is a conscientious believer in the Universalist faith. He is a member of the Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and both he and his wife are valued members of the Eastern Star Lodge.

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SAMUEL H. ATHERTON, a manufacturer of soaps, residing at Bernardston, was born May 25, 1820, in the town of Greenfield, Mass., son of Joseph, Jr., and Martha (Chamberlain) Atherton. His grandfather, Joseph Atherton, Sr., settled in Greenfield when the place consisted of only a few houses, and was a sturdy pioneer and successful farmer, prominent in all town affairs. He served as a minute-man in the War of 1812, and died in the town of Gill, April 6, 1834. His wife died March 3, 1844. Of their nine children, Ralph and Oliver died young; but Olive, Allen, Merry, Joseph, Jr., Horace, Hepzibah, and Henry grew to maturity.

Joseph Atherton, Jr., was born in Greenfield, August 3, 1789, but grew to manhood in Bernardston; he afterward learned the trade of blacksmith in Greenfield, and this calling he followed the rest of his life. He had a shop, and carried on the business in Bernardston for a number of years, being a good mechanic and industrious citizen, commanding the respect of all who knew him. His last years, however, were spent in Hartford, Conn., where he died in middle life, at the age of fifty-two. His wife, Martha Chamberlain, died when about sixty-seven years of age.

They were the parents of eight children: Joseph, Martha, Newton, Bartlett, Samuel H., Henry, John, and Elizabeth. All except Henry grew up and married, but three only are now living, namely: Martha, who became Mrs. Webster, and resides in Akron, Ohio; Samuel H.; and Elizabeth, who is now Mrs. Burr, of Hartford, Conn.

Samuel H. Atherton was educated and grew to manhood in Bernardston, where he has resided continuously since 1865. When a lad, he learned the shoemaker's trade, but never followed it to any extent. He was engaged in various lines of business, but for the last twenty years has been in the manufacture of soap, and is now at the head of the firm of S. H. Atherton & Son, who have a lye and soap factory in Bernardston. Mr. Atherton also has a farm in this town, and successfully carries on dairy and general farming, finding a home market for all his products. He has always been conscientious and diligent, not only in the management of his own private affairs, but in all duties pertaining to citizenship. For seven or eight years he has been Selectman and Tax Collector, which latter office he still holds. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Universalist church.

Mr. Atherton was first married in 1843, when twenty-three years of age, to Roxanna Kingsley, who died in 1845. He was again married in 1847, to Abbie S. Taft, who died in 1881. In 1882 Mr. Atherton was married to Mrs. Marian (Atherton) Plummer, widow of Jason H. Plummer. She was born in Bernardston, June 26, 1819, daughter of Horace and Rhoda (Cushman) Atherton. Horace Atherton, a blacksmith by trade, was a native of Bernardston, and died in that town at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. His wife, Rhoda Cushman, was born in Greenfield, and

died in Springfield when thirty-three years of age. They had five children, four of whom are now living, namely: Rhoda, now Mrs. Cushman; Clessem C.; Joseph B.; Marian (Mrs. Atherton). The other was a daughter, Lucinda S. Mrs. Marian Atherton had two children by her former husband, Henry H. and Horace O. Plummer, both deceased. Mr. Samuel H. Atherton had four children, who died quite young, and has one son now living, Adelbert S. Atherton, born October 13, 1851. Mr. Adelbert S. Atherton married Mila H. Allen; and they have five children, as follows: Lilia G., Fred S., John C., Raymond, and Abbie E.

SAMUEL STILLMAN DEXTER, a prominent business man of Franklin County, is a leading citizen of the town of Orange, where his birth occurred March 4, 1829, the day on which Andrew Jackson was inaugurated President of the United States. He is a son of the late Benjamin Dexter, Jr., and is a lineal descendant of Thomas Dexter, who came to Massachusetts from England in 1630, was admitted a freeman at Lynn in May, 1631, owned eight hundred acres of land in what is now Saugus, and was interested with others in establishing there the first iron works in America. He was one of ten men of Saugus — namely, Edmund Freeman, Henry Feake, Thomas Dexter, Edward Dillingham, William Wood, John Carman, Richard Chadwell, William Almy, Thomas Tupper, and George Knott — who, under date April 3, 1637, received from the Plymouth Colony a large grant of land on Cape Cod, permission having been given them, as stated in the records, “to view a place to sit down and have sufficient land for threescore families upon the conditions propounded to them by the governor and Mr. Winslow.” Thus

was begun the settlement of Sandwich, which was incorporated as a town in 1639.

Thomas Dexter settled in Sandwich, but afterward removed to Barnstable. He lived to the age of fourscore years, at his death leaving three children: Mary, William, and Thomas, Jr. William Dexter was born at Pine Island, Mass. He married Sarah Vincent, was a large landholder and an influential citizen, and died in 1694, leaving the following children: Mary, Stephen, Philip, James, Thomas, Benjamin, and John. Benjamin Dexter, son of William, became a wealthy man, owning one thousand acres of land in the town of Rochester on Buzzard's Bay. He was an active worker in political and religious circles, and gave to each of his children a fair start in life. He and his wife, Sarah Arnold Dexter, reared eight children, namely: Noah, born March 26, 1697; James, born July 22, 1698; Benjamin, born March 4, 1700; Sarah, born July 25, 1702; Josiah, born July 12, 1704; Constant, born September 17, 1706; Samuel, born September 14, 1708; and Ephraim, born May 27, 1711. Samuel Dexter, fifth son of Benjamin and Sarah, was a pioneer settler of Athol, Worcester County, going there in 1736, and investing largely in land, eventually becoming one of the leading farmers of the town. He subsequently moved to Hardwick, where he died at a ripe old age. He was a steadfast member of the old Whig party, and held several of the important town and county offices. The wife of Samuel Dexter was Mary Clark, and they were the parents of the following children: Joseph, born September 2, 1733; Samuel, born October 13, 1734; Ichabod, born in 1736; Mary, born July 11, 1743; Sarah, born May 8, 1745; and Benjamin, who was born November 28, 1747.

Benjamin was the youngest child born to

his parents, Samuel and Mary Dexter. At the age of twenty-one years, being then a resident of Athol, his native town, he married Hannah Stone; and they removed to the town of Orange, where he bought a farm of three hundred acres, which he carried on for a while very successfully, also filling many important town offices. He afterward disposed of that property, and bought a tract of land in Richmond, N.H., where he was engaged as President of the Richmond Turnpike Company, and also carried on general farming until his death, February 22, 1818. His widow rounded out nearly a century of life, her age at her death, June 3, 1841, lacking but a few days of ninety-seven years. Benjamin Dexter and his wife were Quakers in their religious belief. Their family circle included nine children, namely: Hannah, born December 5, 1770; Simeon, born October 31, 1772; Benjamin, born November 24, 1775; Lucy, born December 24, 1777; Phœbe, born September 11, 1779; Betsey, born July 6, 1782; Susannah, born October 7, 1784; Sally, born November 19, 1786; and Mercy, born June 17, 1788.

Benjamin Dexter, Jr., was born in Orange, and received the advantages of the early schools of the town. There being but two sons in the family, his services were needed on the home farm, where he was a faithful worker until after attaining his majority. When ready to settle in life, he bought of his father two hundred acres of land in the place of his nativity, and engaged in agricultural pursuits, being one of the most enterprising and progressive farmers of the locality. He subsequently bought two hundred more acres of land, and carried on mixed husbandry and stock-raising until his decease, at the venerable age of eighty-three years. He was a prominent Whig, and filled various local public offices, and was an active member of the

Congregational church. He possessed excellent judgment in affairs, and was often called upon to settle estates, his integrity and honor being unquestioned. He was four times married. His first wife, Hepzibah Ballard, lived but a few months after their marriage. His second wife, Anna Barrett, died in young womanhood, leaving one child, Hepzibah, who was born December 25, 1802. Betsey Legg, who became his third wife, died July 29, 1818, leaving seven children, namely: Stephen, born September 5, 1804; Anna, born March 3, 1806; Amasa, born December 3, 1808; Moses, born January 26, 1811; David, born April 10, 1813; Aaron, born July 12, 1815; and Joseph, born March 31, 1818. The maiden name of his fourth wife was Frances Tuttle. She was born March 9, 1788, and was a daughter of Jedediah and Lucia (Smith) Tuttle.

The Tuttle family originated in England. John Tuttle, the grandfather of Jedediah, sailed from that country in 1635, on the "Planter," and was one of the early settlers of the town of Ipswich, Mass. His son Simon, the father of Jedediah, settled in Winchendon, Mass., being one of the well-to-do farmers of that town. He was a veteran of the Revolution, serving as Captain of a company at the battle of Bunker Hill and at the taking of Burgoyne, besides participating in many of the most important engagements of that memorable struggle for independence. Mrs. Lucia Smith Tuttle was lineally descended from Christopher Martin and Thomas Rogers, who were passengers in the first voyage of the "Mayflower," Thomas Rogers being, it is said, a direct descendant of John Rogers, the martyr. Jedediah and Lucia (Smith) Tuttle reared ten children, as follows: James, born August 10, 1780; David, born December 2, 1782; Jedediah, Jr., born April 18, 1785; Frances, born March 9, 1788; Clarissa, born November 2,

1790; Electus, born February 8, 1793; Silas, born May 8, 1795; Eli, born July 5, 1797; Ainsworth, born January 1, 1799; Sarah, born January 5, 1802; and David, born January 19, 1806. Mrs. Frances Tuttle Dexter was a woman of great energy, strong common sense, and high religious principle. She became the mother of four children, namely: Simeon, born August 30, 1822; Betsey, born May 30, 1825; Samuel Stillman, born March 4, 1829; and George W., born April 6, 1831.

Samuel Stillman Dexter acquired his elementary education in the public schools of Orange, and afterward pursued his studies successively at the Shelburne Falls Academy, the seminary at Gouverneur, N.Y., the Westfield Normal School, and the Lancaster Normal School. He then taught school for seven years, and subsequently engaged in business fifteen years in his native place, where he bought a tract of standing timber, which he manufactured into lumber and placed upon the market, he in the mean time becoming the owner of some valuable real estate. His next employment was that of a civil engineer, land surveyor, and conveyancer, which he still carries on, in addition to the care of his village and town property. He also has the care of several estates in the town, acting as agent for the owners, whose homes are elsewhere. Mr. Dexter is a man of untiring energy and business enterprise, practical and progressive, and is one of the sterling citizens of the town, very popular and highly esteemed. Mr. Dexter was united in marriage in 1855 to Maria C. Dewey, who was born in Westfield, Mass., February 18, 1831, daughter of Roland and Maria K. (Weller) Dewey. Her father was born in 1796, and passed away in 1861. He was a Democrat in politics, and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Dewey and his wife were the parents of

the following children: Evelina, Roland, Edward, Maria C. (Mrs. Dexter), Alfred, Alfred T., Frances, and Eugene. Five children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter, a brief record of whom is as follows: Hermann F., born October 13, 1858, now a publisher in San Francisco, married Ella Browning, and they have two children, Ruey and Dewey Browning Dexter; Caroline, born September 5, 1860, is the widow of Martin W. Mayo, and has one child, Ella C.; Edward M., born October 2, 1864, now a chair manufacturer at Black River, N.Y., married N. Gertrude Boyce, and they have one child, Raymond H.; John B., born August 3, 1866, died January 9, 1868; and Maurice L., born May 3, 1869, now a mechanic, living in Orange, married Martha E. Foskett, and they have had three children — Albert M., Gladice M., and Roland F. The latter died August 4, 1895.

In his political views Mr. Dexter is a straight Republican. He takes a deep interest in local affairs, and is especially active in advancing the educational and literary interests of the place. He has served with fidelity on the School Board for ten years, as library committee for an equal length of time, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for twenty-three years. He is likewise an influential member of the Board of Trade. Religiously, he is a valued and active member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Dexter's long practice as engineer, surveyor, and conveyancer has given him a full and intimate acquaintance with the local history of the section of the country in which he resides. This knowledge has been freely utilized by him in the preparation of a number of articles which from time to time have appeared in print, and which are of much value, both from a literary and an historical point of view.

ORIAN D. CANEDY, a young and enterprising farmer of Heath, was born at Whitingham, Vt., July 17, 1857. He is a son of Dennis and Jane B. (Lake) Canedy, and grandson of John Canedy, a prominent farmer of Colerain, who married Susan Stowe, also of Colerain. John Canedy died at the age of fifty, and his wife at the age of seventy-five years. Their children were: John, Susan, Louisa, Roxanna, Lucy, Joel, Levi L., and Dennis. Dennis Canedy, who was born in Colerain in 1828, purchased a farm at Whitingham, Vt.; and, after successfully engaging for some time in general farming, he sold his property and embarked in mercantile pursuits at Jacksonville, Vt. A fire destroyed the building, and he lost his entire stock; but, nothing daunted, he built a larger and more convenient store, which he stocked with general merchandise, and conducted business on an extensive scale. He subsequently sold this business, and engaged in teaming from Jacksonville to Greenfield, Mass., employing a number of horses and becoming very prosperous. At length purchasing a farm of two hundred acres, situated in the central part of the town of Heath, he here followed agriculture for a period of fourteen years, and then sold the property and bought his present comfortable home at Shelburne Falls where he is passing his declining years in retirement. His wife, who was a daughter of Borden Lake, a prosperous farmer, died at the age of sixty-three years. She was the mother of seven children, as follows: John D., Ira, Herbert, Orian, Nettie, Nellie, and Edward R., an account of whose career appears upon another page of this work. Dennis Canedy was prominently identified with public affairs, and served for some time as Town Clerk at Heath.

Orian D. Canedy received a good common-

school education, and resided with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he adopted farming as an occupation, for some years tilling soil owned by others. He then purchased the F. Ward farm at Heath, which consisted of one hundred and sixteen acres, and, after successfully conducting it for six years, sold it and bought the farm of two hundred acres formerly owned by his father, where he has since resided. He keeps about fifteen cows, mostly grade Jerseys, together with some extra fine, heavy draft horses, and aside from farming does considerable teaming.

Mr. Canedy married Miss Elizabeth B. Maley, daughter of John and Mary Maley, of Westboro, Mass., where her father was a prosperous farmer. Mrs. Canedy's mother died at the age of fifty-one years. She raised a family of seven children; namely, John, Hannah, Mary, Katie, Emma, Charles, and Elizabeth. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Canedy has been blessed with four children: Mary J., who died at the age of two years; Nettie M.; Luella J.; and Charles E.

MRS. CELESTINA P. (PHINNEY) COOLIDGE, widow of the late Asa Coolidge, Jr., is a native of Franklin County, having been born February 25, 1830, in New Salem. Her grandfather, Noah Phinney, was a pioneer settler of this section of the county, having removed from Bridgewater, his native town, to Orange, where he bought a tract of heavily timbered land on Walnut Hill. This he labored hard to clear, and before his demise, at the age of sixty-eight years, he had improved a good homestead property. He was twice married, and was the father of twelve children, namely: Noah, Cyrus, Olive, Betty, and Celia by the first marriage; and Ansel,

Salmon, Jason, Edmund, and a twin sister who died in infancy, Lottie, and Cynthia by the second.

Jason Phinney, the father of Mrs. Coolidge, was born on Walnut Hill, and, having been early initiated into the art of agriculture, selected farming as his life occupation, engaging in it in Montague, Conway, and Ludlow. He finally settled in Orange, where he bought a well-appointed farm, on which he spent his declining years, dying at the age of seventy-eight. He married Ruth Tyrer, who preceded him to the other world, dying at the age of seventy-one years. They were the parents of eight children; namely, Ruth E., Eliza P., Mary C., Elon C., Lydia W., Salmon, Elmina G., and Celestina P.

On May 1, 1848, Miss Celestina P. Phinney and Asa Coolidge, Jr., were united in marriage. Mr. Coolidge was born at Natick, Mass., May 1, 1803, being the son of Asa Coolidge, Sr., who was born in the same town in 1772. The elder Asa Coolidge was a carpenter by trade. He purchased the Orcutt farm in New Salem (now a part of Orange), at that time in almost its original wildness, very little of the one hundred acres being cleared, and removed thither with his family from Natick, arriving on the first day of May, 1810. With characteristic energy and ambition, he labored to place the land under cultivation; and it soon yielded to his judicious treatment, becoming richly productive. He erected a house for his family, and barns for his produce and his cattle, and at the time of his death, which occurred when he was fifty years old, was a prosperous man. He was active in town affairs, and the last eight years of his life was Tax Collector for New Salem. November 27, 1797, Asa Coolidge, Sr., married Anna Jenkinson. She was born in 1773, and bore her husband ten children; namely,

Faithe, Avery, Asa, Almira, Mary and Sarah (twins), Napoleon B., Orara, Hannah, and Benjamin. She was a quick and active woman, and lived to the advanced age of seventy-three years, many of them being years of widowhood.

Asa Coolidge, Jr., was just seven years old when his parents took possession of the Orcutt farm, the day of their arrival being his birthday. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, and at the death of his father bought the interest of the other heirs and took possession of the homestead. He was a man of integrity, sound ideas, and of a kindly and charitable nature. In the welfare of his adopted town he took a genuine interest, being in his younger days an ardent Whig, and becoming identified with the Republican party after its formation. He was a member of the Universalist church. Thirteen years prior to his decease he fell from a tree, injuring the base of the brain and causing permanent heart trouble; and, though physically active, from that time he was mentally incapacitated for business. He died March 2, 1885, nearly eighty-two years old. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge was blessed by the birth of nine children, of whom the following is a brief record: Georgianna E., born September 11, 1850, is the wife of Moses E. Butler, of Orange; the second child was a daughter, who died in infancy; Mary C., born March 18, 1855, married David Lewis, of Westfield, and they have seven children; Inez C., born January 14, 1857, is the wife of Jerome Cutter, of Wendell, and has six children; Nellie R., born July 2, 1859, is a trained nurse, residing at Quincy, Mass.; Asa B., born May 18, 1861, married Mary E. Blagbrough, and they live on the old homestead; Benjamin S., born August 18, 1864, resides with his mother; Hattie M., born July 30, 1870, is the wife

of L. W. Taylor, of Orange; Vernon M., born August 17, 1874, died when a lad of twelve years.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Coolidge has added to the improvements of the farm, having erected a new house and barn; and the homestead bears visible evidence of the thrift and enterprise which first established it and by which it has been perpetuated. She is a woman of more than ordinary ability, has been a wise and judicious mother, attending closely to the education and training of her children, and has fitted them for the responsibilities of life. She is an earnest member of the Congregational church, and is greatly respected throughout the community where she has spent so many years.

DANIEL J. GALE is an extensive and successful farmer and prominent citizen of the town of Heath, and is a descendant of one of the old settlers of the town. He was born on the farm on which he now resides, and of which he is the owner, August 23, 1842, son of Philip and Susan (Johnson) Gale. His paternal grandfather, Luther Gale, was a native of the town of Petersham, Worcester County, Mass., born March 31, 1779, during the Revolutionary War.

Luther Gale was one of the early settlers of the town of Heath. He was a large landowner, and settled on the farm now owned by William E. Gleason, clearing off much of the heavy timber. He was for a time engaged in the lumber business in Maine, but soon returned to Massachusetts. He died in the town of Heath, March 17, 1864. His first wife was Sally Spooner, who was born January 3, 1781, and died December 20, 1821, and by whom he had the following children: Esther, Philip,

Otis, Sarah, Lucretia, Luther, Daniel, and Henrietta. His second wife, to whom he was married October 31, 1822, was Nancy Spooner, who was born May 30, 1787, and died January 16, 1866. Her children were: Mary C., Elizabeth S., Nancy A., and George C. Luther Gale was a Whig in politics, and served as representative to the State legislature in 1817, 1826, 1834, 1838, 1841, and 1843. He also held several different town offices in his day, was Selectman of the town in 1809, and was one of the most popular and best-known citizens of this locality.

Philip Gale, his second child, and father of Daniel J. Gale, whose name appears above, was born in Maine, July 4, 1804. He worked with his father until manhood, and then started life on his own account, travelling through the country peddling "Yankee notions." After some years of this itinerating he bought the homestead, and in 1858 built the present house, which is a good, substantial dwelling, and resided on the farm until his death, September 18, 1865. He was a member of the legislature, Lower House, in 1860; and he had also served his townspeople as a School Committee-man and Assessor. His wife, Susan Johnson, lived to be seventy-nine years old. They were Unitarians in religious belief, and were the parents of three children: Daniel J., Philip S., and Henry A.

Daniel J. Gale, after acquiring a fair amount of practical education in the schools of his town, commenced to make himself useful on the farm, and also acquired a knowledge of the carpenter's trade. He remained under the paternal roof, taking care of his parents in their latter years, and on their death came into the possession of the old homestead, in which he now has three hundred and thirty acres of choice farm land. He has built a fine large barn, and improved and replaced other build-

ings on the estate, besides bringing the land into a high state of cultivation. He keeps a choice dairy of Durham cows and a numerous flock of sheep, besides some fine horses, and is regarded as one of the most flourishing agriculturalists in the town, his farm being the largest in the vicinity, and giving employment to quite a number of laborers. In politics Mr. Gale is a Republican, and in religion a Unitarian. He is noted for his genial and charitable disposition, and is a man who has many friends. As yet he has not married; but, as he is still in the prime of life, perhaps Cupid and Fate are but procrastinating.

JOHN H. SMEAD, an enterprising and prosperous farmer of the town of Charlemont, Franklin County, son of Elihu and Judith (Hatch) Smead, was born on the place where he now resides, May 29, 1829. He is a lineal descendant of William Smead, one of the early settlers of Deerfield.

Elihu Smead was born in Deerfield, Mass., on February 12, 1788. He served as a private in the War of 1812, and at its close he settled in Belchertown, Mass., where he lived until 1820, when he removed to the farm where his son, John H. Smead, now resides. He was a successful and progressive farmer, and among other improvements on his place he built a good barn. He died at eighty-eight years of age. His wife, Judith Hatch Smead, was a daughter of Harris and Deborah (Chamberlain) Hatch, the former of whom was profitably engaged in the varied occupations of hotel-keeper, brick manufacturer, and farmer, in Pembroke and Belchertown. In politics Mr. Hatch was a Whig, and he rendered good service as a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary War. He died at the age of sixty-six, and his wife in her eighty-second year. Mrs.

Deborah Chamberlain Hatch, it will be noted, was the maternal grandmother of the subject of this sketch. She used to tell her grandson, in his younger days, as he well remembers, that she was a descendant of John Turner, who came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620. Such was her respect for the name that she called one of her sons Turner. Some future genealogist, it is to be trusted, will make clear the line of descent. John Turner and his two sons are recorded as having died at Plymouth within a few months after their arrival. A daughter of Mr. Turner is said to have come later to New England, and to have been married in Salem, Mass. The children of Harris and Deborah C. Hatch were ten in number; namely, Deborah T., Polly, Judith, John, Harris, Turner, Nancy, Fanny, Maria, and Nancy H. Mrs. Smead bore her husband the following children: a son born in 1813, who died in infancy; Sidney S., born July 3, 1814; Deborah S., born May 9, 1816, who died at the age of twelve years; Catherine B., born May 3, 1818, died at thirty-two years of age; Nathaniel N., born October 12, 1820, died in his third year; another son who died in babyhood; Nancy M., born March 21, 1827, now the wife of J. Crosby; John H.; and Edward P., born in 1832, who died at the age of four years. Sidney S., above mentioned, has been thrice married, his first wife being Miss Eliza A. Clark, the next Miss Ruth T. Thayer, and his present wife Miss Kate Sanderson. He has held the office of Deacon, also Justice of the Peace. Both parents were active and consistent members of the Congregational church, of which the father served as Deacon several years. In politics he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, which he afterward supported.

John H. Smead grew to manhood on the old homestead, receiving a good practical educa-

tion in the schools of the town; and at twenty-one years of age he secured a position in the tool-shop in Conway, Mass., where he was employed during the following three years. At the end of that time, returning home to care for his parents during their declining years, he bought the homestead, to which he added by the purchase of one hundred and fifteen acres of land, and there he has since resided. In 1888 he tore down the old house, which had been erected more than one hundred years previous, and built a new one on nearly the same site, affording an excellent view of the beautiful Deerfield valley. He is successfully engaged in general farming and carries on a choice dairy, besides raising sheep and horses.

On September 14, 1853, he was married to Miss Lydia J. Montague, who was born in Montague, one of the eastern towns in Franklin County, December 11, 1826, daughter of Noadiah and Mary (Jones) Montague, the former of whom was a son of Medad and Ruth (Dinsmore) Montague. Medad Montague, who was a native of Sunderland, Mass., bought and cleared a farm in Montague, where he was a successful and popular man, and rendered efficient service in various town offices. He and his wife, Ruth Dinsmore Montague, were the parents of the following children: Huldah, Esther, Samuel, Rufus, Zebina, Tryphena, Tryphosa, Medad, and Noadiah. The family were members of the Congregational church. Noadiah, who was born August 1, 1796, spent his life on the old homestead in Montague, where he died at the age of sixty-one. His first wife, Mary Jones Montague, who lived to be but thirty-one years old, bore him four children: Harriett L., Emma E., Lydia J., and Horace N. He married for his second wife Miss Lucretia Ward, and of this union four children were also born: Henry W., Mary J. (deceased), Mary J., and Helen M.

Mr. and Mrs. Smead have one son, Edward P., born August 26, 1856, who married Miss Addie A. Hamilton, and has one daughter, Nellie I. Smead. This son lives with his father on the farm, which they successfully carry on in partnership. In political affiliation Mr. Smead is a Republican. He and his family are all active and influential members of the Congregational church, of which he has served as Deacon, also clerk and treasurer, for thirty years. Mr. Smead is also President of the Oak Tree Association, of which his son's wife is Secretary.

ALBERT B. NELSON, a successful farmer and life-long resident of Colerain, was born in this town July 25, 1814. He is a son of Obed and Elizabeth (Sturtevant) Nelson, his father having been a native of Colerain and his mother of Vermont. William Nelson, father of Obed, formerly resided in Brimfield, Conn., but moved from that State in company with his two brothers, Edward and John, Edward settling at Leyden, Mass., John in Whitingham, Vt., and William finding a home at Colerain, where he was an industrious farmer and a most worthy citizen, residing there until his decease, which occurred at about the age of eighty years. His wife, who also lived to reach a good old age, was the mother of six children, named as follows: Obed, Jesse, Betsey, Polly, Abigail, and David, all of whom became heads of families and have passed away, their ashes reposing in the cemetery at Colerain.

Obed Nelson settled upon the farm where his son Albert now resides, quietly pursuing the occupation of his ancestors, and continued to enjoy prosperity as the result of his diligent labors during his long and useful life, which came to a close at the age of seventy-six years.

He was known as an honorable and upright citizen, who possessed many estimable qualities. Politically he was a Democrat. Mr. Nelson was inclined to be liberal in his religious ideas. His union with Elizabeth Sturtevant, who lived to attain the ripe age of eighty-six years, was blessed with four children, who reached maturity, namely: Orpheus, who settled in the State of Michigan, where he became a prosperous farmer, and died at the age of sixty-four years; Albert B., of this sketch; Austin, who followed agricultural pursuits in the town of Buckland, where he died at the age of sixty-eight years; and Myron, who died in the State of Illinois at the age of fifty-five years.

Albert B. Nelson attended the district schools of Colerain, where he obtained a good knowledge of the ordinary branches of education. By purchasing the interests of the other heirs, he succeeded to the possession of the homestead, and tenderly cared for his parents during their declining years. He owns a very productive farm, consisting of about one hundred and thirty acres, and, although well past the fourscore limit, still gives his personal attention to the farm duties, being stronger and more active, both mentally and physically, than some of his younger neighbors.

On November 9, 1847, he was united in marriage at Somers, Conn., to Miss Mary C. Prouty, who was born in Boston, Mass., November 26, 1822, daughter of Asa and Sally Prouty. Mrs. Nelson passed from earth on January 28, 1890, at the age of sixty-eight years, having been the mother of six children, five of whom still survive: Whiting G., who was born December 11, 1848, and is now a merchant in the State of Michigan; Orrasville L., who was born May 7, 1852, now the widow of Jacob Lovell, residing in Springfield; Arabelle E., born November 6, 1854,

now the wife of Edward Mitchell, of Greenfield; Laura, born February 24, 1857, who was the wife of Emerson Peck, of Greenville, Mich., and died December 14, 1882; Asa Obed, born December 11, 1859, who owns and resides on the large farm formerly owned by Milo Miller; and Olive Nellie, who was born July 29, 1865, and is the wife of William Tilton, of Boston.

Mr. Nelson is a Democrat in politics, but has never taken an active part in public affairs beyond casting his vote and attending to the duties of some minor town offices which he has been called upon to fill. He is a very hospitable gentleman, a kind and thoughtful neighbor, charitably inclined, and is one of the best-known citizens of the town, there being at the present day but few residing there who have reached a more advanced age.

HENRY W. MONTAGUE, farmer, an influential resident of Northfield Farms, Franklin County, Mass., was born in the adjacent town of Montague, October 15, 1833, son of Noadiah and Lucretia (Ward) Montague. His great-grandfather, Daniel Montague, son of Samuel Montague, was a native of Sunderland, Mass., where he followed agriculture. Medad Montague, son of Daniel, was born in Sunderland, which is in the southern part of Franklin County, and settled in the North Parish thereof, now Montague, previous to the incorporation of this town in 1753. After serving in the Revolutionary War, he became a prosperous farmer, and was a Selectman twenty years, besides representing his district at the General Court for several terms. He died at the age of eighty-two years. He was three times married, and was the father of nine children.



CHARLES B. WELLS.

Noadiah Montague, Mr. Montague's father, was born in Montague, and, after completing his studies in the district schools, assisted his father upon the home farm, of which he eventually became the owner, and resided there until reaching the age of fifty-eight years. He then purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his son, Henry W.; and here he died three years later. Noadiah Montague married Lucretia Ward, a daughter of William Ward, a lawyer and a lumber dealer of Shutesbury. She became the mother of four children, of whom Henry W., with whom she passed her last days, is the only survivor. Mrs. Lucretia W. Montague died at the age of eighty-two years.

Henry W. Montague passed his boyhood in attending the district schools of his native town, and remained with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one, when he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade. Three years later he returned to the parental roof, and after the death of his father succeeded to the possession of the home farm, which he has since conducted with success. In 1866 Mr. Montague was united in marriage to Mary E. Field, daughter of Horace F. Field, of Northfield. The fruit of this union is one son, Frank H. Montague, who resides with his parents. He has a good education, having attended successively in his youth the schools of Northfield, the seminary at New Salem, and the Albany Business College.

Mr. Montague is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Northfield. He is a Republican in politics, has served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for nine years. In 1882 he represented his district in the State legislature, and he was for four years Postmaster at Northfield Farms. For the past eleven years he has discharged with ability the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace in

Montague, having his first appointment thereto from Governor George D. Robinson and his reappointment from Governor William E. Russell.

CHARLES BARNARD WELLS, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Greenfield, was born December 11, 1829, in Rowe, Mass., another Franklin County town. His great-grandfather, Joel Wells, was one of the early settlers of Greenfield, which at that time was a part of Deerfield. In his day Indians and game abounded throughout this part of the country, and the pioneer settlers required skill in the use of the musket as well as the axe and hoe. He married Hannah Bascom, and followed the occupation of farmer till his death, which took place in Greenfield. His son, also named Joel and also a tiller of the soil, resided at different times both at Greenfield and Rowe, but died at North Adams, Mass., at the age of eighty-five. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Hawks, and who died somewhat younger than he, were members of the Unitarian church. They had five sons and two daughters who grew up, all of whom are now deceased.

Alpheus Wells, son of the foregoing and father of Charles Barnard Wells, was born in Greenfield in 1789, and grew to manhood, and received his education in the schools of that town. When a young man he moved to Rowe, where he secured a good farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was industrious and progressive, to which qualities he owed his success. He married Content Nash, who was born in Greenfield about 1789, daughter of Daniel and Abigail (Atherton) Nash. Daniel Nash was an early settler of Greenfield, and was actively identified with the affairs of his town, including religious matters, being a

member of the First Congregational Church. Alpheus Wells was liberal in his religious views, while his wife faithfully adhered to the church of her father. In politics Mr. Wells was a Republican. He died at the age of fifty-seven years, his wife having lived to the age of forty-nine. They had two sons and two daughters, namely: Sarah Ann, who died at seventeen years of age; Isabella G., born in Rowe, July 13, 1825, and now living with her brother, Charles Barnard; George Nash, who died at the age of seventeen years; and Charles Barnard, the immediate subject of this biography.

Charles Barnard Wells resided in his native town of Rowe seventeen years, and then removed to Greenfield, where he has lived ever since. Having worked out at farming and lumbering a number of years in early manhood, in 1875 he bought the farm which he now occupies; he also owns a tract of twenty-five acres in Leyden. A hard-working man, by his undaunted energy and practical sagacity he has attained to a fair degree of success. He has never married, but lives with his maiden sister, Isabella G. Wells, on the old Smead farm. Miss Wells is a faithful and valued member of the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, while her brother holds liberal views in religion, and is guided by Republican principles in politics. As will be gathered from the brief record above given, they are the last of their immediate family; and it is, therefore, a happy circumstance that the likeness of Mr. Wells is herewith presented for safe keeping, to be viewed with interest by the present and future generation of readers.

ASA PHELPS, a prosperous farmer and prominent man of Monroe, was born in this town, July 27, 1823, son of Dana and Prudah (Bullock) Phelps. His

grandfather, Francis Phelps, was a native of Guilford, Vt., and settled in Halifax in that State, where he engaged successfully in agriculture. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and drew a pension for his military services. In politics he was a Whig. He died at the age of seventy-five years, highly respected by all his neighbors. His children were: Francis, Barney, Porter, Jonathan, and Dana.

Dana Phelps was a very active man, and in his younger days surpassed all the farmers in his neighborhood in the amount of farm work accomplished. Although not ordained, he was active in evangelical work, and for years preached the Universalist doctrine, ministering to souls in Monroe, Mass., in Readsboro, Vt., and in Florida, Mass. In Monroe he was a prominent man and held most of the town offices. His wife, who was a woman of rare capability, strong in mind and body, was the mother of thirteen children, nine boys and four girls, whom she clothed with the products of her own deft hands, carding, spinning, and weaving the wool and flax for their garments during the first twenty years of her motherhood.

Asa Phelps was educated in the district schools and at Whitingham Academy, and at the age of nineteen began teaching school, which occupation he continued for six terms. He then bought a farm of thirty-two acres, known as the Phelps place; but after a short time he sold it and purchased his present farm of one hundred and thirty acres, which he improved and upon which he erected a substantial dwelling. Later he built a small store, which he conducted for some time with fair success. His farm is well stocked and has a small but good dairy, and his place presents the thrifty appearance of the well-kept homestead of a typical New England farmer. Mr. Phelps is

a man of influence in his town, and his opinion carries weight in public affairs. He is independent in politics, and has served as Justice of the Peace for seven years, also as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, has been a member of the School Committee for twelve years, and has twice served on traverse jury in the Superior Court.

On July 3, 1845, he was married to Miss Lydia S. Bassett, daughter of Erastus and Lydia (Yaw) Bassett, well known and esteemed citizens of this locality. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps are the parents of the following children: Leonard A., born August 15, 1846, who married Sarah Crocker, and has two children; Homer A., born October 6, 1853, who married Cora D. Phelps, and has one child, Edna M.; Lydia C., born December 16, 1855, who died in early childhood, April 1, 1860; and Edna S., born March 2, 1861, who died at twenty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps stand high among the people of the town of Monroe for their many sterling qualities, which they have doubtless in part inherited from their sturdy New England ancestors. They may well be regarded as representative citizens of Franklin County.

JOSIAH P. DAY, a retired blacksmith of Bernardston and a veteran of the late war, was born in Cattaraugus County, New York, August 4, 1837, son of Robert and Adeline (Pomeroy) Day. The Days trace their ancestry back to Robert Day, who in April, 1634, came to this country and settled in Newtown, now Cambridge, Mass., and later moved to Hartford, Conn., where he died. His name may be found recorded on a monument in that city erected to the memory of the first settlers. His son, Thomas Day, was the founder of the Springfield branch of

the family. John, the son of Thomas, was the first of the family to make his home in West Springfield. His son John was born in West Springfield, as were also his grandson Joel, James, son of Joel, and Robert, son of James and father of the subject of this memoir.

Josiah P. Day came to Bernardston when but twelve years of age, and received the advantages of the district schools of the town and also of the Goodale Academy. He began to learn the blacksmith's trade when seventeen years of age, and served three years, at the end of which time he found employment as a journeyman blacksmith in different places. On August 14, 1862, he enlisted in Company H, Tenth Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, which was in the following battles: in 1862, siege of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks (two battles), Charles City Cross-roads, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Antietam, and Fredericksburg; in 1863, the Mud Campaign, St. Mary's Heights, Salem Heights, Franklin Crossing, Gettysburg, Rappahannock Station, and Mine Run; in 1864, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg. Mr. Day's record was an eventful one, and he saw much hard service. His first battle was Antietam; and in all he participated in fourteen or fifteen engagements, having two narrow escapes from death. At Salem Heights they had driven the rebels into the woods and received orders to halt and lie down. Mr. Day was on his knees, arranging his knapsack, and just dropped on his face as a ball struck the knapsack and lodged in his underclothing. At another time he was on one knee with his gun before him, when a ball from a sharp-shooter struck the gun-barrel directly in front of his face, cutting the gun strap and stock in two and glancing off. He was honorably discharged from the service July 1, 1864. At the close of the war he re-

turned to Bernardston and re-engaged in the blacksmith business; but owing to poor health, brought on by the hardships of army life, it was several years before he was well able to stand the wear and tear of his work. For twenty-two years, however, Mr. Day could be found most of the time at his forge in the shop that he purchased in 1867. His untiring industry was attended with success; but at length he was obliged to give up this labor on account of rheumatism, and now, retired from active business, is spending his time in rest and quiet at home.

He married, January 2, 1868, Lucy A. Haskell, who was born in Montague, Mass., daughter of Abram K. and Esther (Kellogg) Haskell. The father was born in Shutesbury, Mass., and the mother in New Salem, Mass. Mr. Haskell was a mechanic by trade, but during the last years of his life he worked as a farmer. He died at the age of seventy-four years. His wife is still living in Bernardston. Mr. and Mrs. Day have a daughter, Josephine E., who graduated from Powers Institute in 1891, and also graduated in shorthand, typewriting, and book-keeping from Childs's Business College in June, 1893. Mrs. Day is a member of the Congregational church. Politically, Mr. Day is a Republican. He belongs to the Edwin E. Day Post, No. 174, Grand Army of the Republic, of Greenfield, Mass.

ROLLIN C. WARD, M.D., a prominent physician of Northfield, Mass., was born at West Rutland, Vt., April 6, 1838, son of Aaron and Olive B. (Southworth) Ward. Dr. Ward's great-grandfather, Jabez Ward, born in 1735, married Jemima Allen, a near relative of Colonel Ethan Allen of Ticonderoga fame, and took a leading part in local public affairs in the Colonial pe-

riod. He died in 1786, at his home in New Marlboro, Berkshire County, Mass., at the age of eighty-two years. His son Jabez married Eleanor Warner, of New Marlboro, and removed to Rutland, Vt., where he was for some years a prosperous farmer, and died there at the age of sixty-six. The immigrant progenitor of this branch of the Ward family in America was William Ward, who received a grant of land in Sudbury, Mass., in 1639, and represented that town in the General Court in 1644. He was great-great-grandfather of the first Jabez here named.

Aaron Ward, son of the younger Jabez, was educated in the district schools, and trained to agricultural pursuits, which he followed through life. He succeeded to the possession of the old Rutland homestead, but, after residing there for a few years, sold it to his brother, and for some time conducted a large boarding-house in the neighborhood of the quarries in West Rutland. Aaron Ward died at the home of his son, Rollin C. Ward, in Orwell, Vt., aged seventy-seven years. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Aaron Ward was a daughter of Isaac Southworth, a prominent farmer and an old resident of West Rutland, who was active in church affairs in that town. She died at the age of eighty-five years, having been the mother of twelve children, of whom four are now living; namely, Lorenzo, Silas, Selah, and Rollin C.

Rollin C. Ward received his education in the schools of his native town, including the select school, the Castleton Seminary, and the Troy Conference Academy. Beginning to teach at the age of seventeen, he taught in both the district and select schools for several years, also doing some farm work during that time. On May 17, 1861, he enlisted as a Union soldier, and was made Fifth Sergeant

in Company B, Second Vermont Volunteer Infantry, which on being mustered into service was attached to the Sixth Army Corps; and, passing upward from rank to rank until December 20, 1862, was then promoted to that of Captain. He led his company through many memorable engagements, and received a gunshot wound in each thigh at the battle of Spottsylvania, which confined him in the hospital for some time, and eventually incapacitated him for further service. He was discharged at Berryville, Va., but attached himself to the forage department of the army at City Point, and remained until the close of the war. Returning to Vermont, he purchased a small farm at Orwell, which he conducted for a short period; and it was at this time that he first entered upon the study of medicine, devoting to it all the leisure hours he had when not employed in teaching.

After graduating from the Harvard Medical School on June 28, 1870, Dr. Ward began the work of his profession in his native State. In 1872 he settled in Northfield, where he has since conducted a successful practice and enjoyed the respect and esteem of the entire community. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Cushman, daughter of Earle and Lucy (Young) Cushman, the former of whom was a physican of Orwell, Vt., and died at the age of seventy-seven years, during fifty-three of which he had been in active practice. Mrs. Ward's mother, a native of Athol, died at the age of fifty-five years.

Dr. Ward is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Northfield, and is also connected with the Chapter and Commandery in Orange. He is a comrade of Post 171, Grand Army of the Republic, of Northfield, of which he has been commander for several years. He is a Democrat in politics; was Postmaster from 1885 to 1890; was a Selectman for three years, during

which he served as Chairman one year; was Chairman of the School Board six years; and has served upon the Library Board since its organization. He has been President of the Franklin Medical Association and a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He was a candidate for State Senator for two years, and, although defeated, was complimented with a very large vote. He is liberal in his religious views.

CHARLES HAMILTON, a prominent farmer of Heath, was born at Shutesbury, November 19, 1823, and is a son of David and Betsey (Upton) Hamilton. His paternal grandfather was a native of Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass., and extensively engaged in the fishing industry. He also owned considerable land in that vicinity, but moved to Pelham, and later to New Salem, where he resided during the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty years. He was twice married. The children by his second wife, whose maiden name was Ann Eldridge, were Elijah and David.

David Hamilton, who was also born on Cape Cod, accompanied his parents to New Salem. In early manhood he purchased two hundred acres of land in the town of Shutesbury, and, clearing a portion of this for farming purposes, he also carried on a lumber business and operated a saw-mill, attaining a position of business prosperity. He died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was originally a Democrat, but in his later years supported the Republican party. In religion he was a Baptist. His wife was a daughter of Benjamin and Betsey (Trask) Upton, who were residents of Shutesbury. Her father was a prominent farmer of that town, who served in the Revolutionary War, and was wounded at

the battle of Bunker Hill. Their children were: John, Fanny, Mabel, Betsey, and Dorcas. Mrs. Betsey Hamilton died at the age of sixty-three years, having reared the following children: David, William, Charles, Ann, John, Joseph, Sarah, and Elmira.

Charles Hamilton left his home at the age of ten years, and for the succeeding three years was employed by a farmer and butcher, from whom he received for his services his board and clothing. From fourteen to seventeen years of age he continued to follow the occupation of a farm laborer, his wages being sixty dollars per year, with the privilege of attending school winters. Next he rented a farm for two years, after which he purchased the homestead of his wife's father, consisting of sixty acres. He also purchased some timber land, and was engaged in lumbering upon it for six years. Having sold this property, in 1855 he moved to the town of Heath, where he bought the estate of sixty acres known as the Williams farm. Later he added to his farm a tract of seventy-five acres, some of which is in the town of Rowe, and has effected several noticeable improvements, among them being a new house and barn. He makes a specialty of stock-raising, conducts a choice dairy, and owns one of the finest hay farms in the locality. His property is exceedingly valuable from the fact that it is located upon the mineral belt, in the immediate vicinity of the well-known Davis sulphur mine. On August 27, 1862, Mr. Hamilton enlisted in Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, under the command of Colonel Greenleaf, for nine months' service, but remained for a period of one year, during which time he participated in the battle of Port Hudson and other engagements. Mr. Hamilton is a Republican in politics, and is liberal in his religious views.

On November 22, 1848, Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Maria L. Baker, daughter of Jonathan S. and Louise (Horr) Baker. Their union has been blessed with the following children: Julia, born March 3, 1850, who married first Martin L. Blanchard, and, after he died, leaving one son, married second Dennis W. Jones (also deceased), and is now the wife of Chandler H. Blanchard and resides at Greenfield, having one child, Grace L.; Charles A., born July 12, 1853, who married Ellen Goodacre, and died at the age of forty-one years; James N., born February 28, 1855; Adelaide A., born July 16, 1857, who married Edward S. Smead, and has one child, named Nellie I.; and Myron S. Hamilton, born July 1, 1861, who married Bessie L. Harris, and has two children, Carrie M. and Earle R.

ANDREW SAUER, a much esteemed citizen of Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., a successful dealer in gentlemen's furnishing goods, was born in Saxony, Germany, on February 14, 1841, son of Simon and Steina (Amstein) Sauer, both of whom were natives of the same place. Simon Sauer successfully engaged in the vocation of a carpenter and joiner. He died at the early age of forty-eight years. His wife, Steina Amstein Sauer, died when but fifty-six years of age, having borne him five children, as follows: George, Anna E., Andrew, Casper, and Anna.

Andrew Sauer lived with his parents during his youth, receiving a good practical education in the schools of his native country. At nineteen years of age he came to America, landing in New York, from which place he came to Franklin County, Mass., and secured a position in the Lamson & Goodnow cutlery manufactory at Shelburne Falls as a mechanic, remaining with them ten months.

The Civil War was then in progress; and he enlisted in Company H of the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment, under Captain Miller. After a faithful service of three years, during which he took part in many important engagements, he received his honorable discharge on June 21, 1864. He then returned to Shelburne Falls and again engaged in the cutlery manufactory, continuing in that position until 1871, when he purchased the clothing business of A. Sherwin, which he has since conducted with increasing success. His store is located in the Methodist Episcopal society's block, and he carries a good assortment of clothing, hats, and other gentlemen's furnishing goods. He owns two houses and lots in Buckland, one being his residence on Williams Street, which he erected, and the other a tenement-house. On July 9, 1864, Mr. Sauer was united in marriage with Miss Christie Witzeman, daughter of George Witzeman, of Germany. They have one child, a daughter, Jessie B., who was born November 29, 1880.

In politics Mr. Sauer is an independent Democrat. He has ever merited the respect of his fellow-citizens; and that they are not unmindful of his ability, his public spirit, and upright character, is shown by the various offices of trust to which he has been elected, including that of Selectman, of Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, he having served in the latter capacity for five years. Since 1862 he has held office in the fire department, in which he is actively interested. Fraternally, he is a member of the Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Post No. 93, Grand Army of the Republic, of Shelburne Falls. He is also President of the Gun Club and Vice-President of the Turnverein Lodge. Mr. Sauer and his estimable wife are active and influential members of the Congregational church of Shelburne Falls.

RSON BALLOU CURTIS was for many years one of the most prominent business men of Colerain and a citizen who made his influence very much felt in the management of local affairs. He was a native of New Hampshire, his birth having occurred January 27, 1825, in the town of Richmond, which was also the birthplace of his father, Orson Curtis. (A record of the Curtis family may be found in the history of Richmond, N.H.) Orson Curtis remained in the town of his nativity until after his marriage, on May 16, 1824, to Betsey Ballou, a daughter of New Hampshire. In 1829 they removed to Colerain, Mass., where Mr. Curtis followed the trade of shoemaking, both he and his wife passing their remaining days in this town. They reared a family of four children; namely, Orson Ballou, Semantha, Seth, and Henry, the latter, the youngest of the family, a resident of Colerain, being the only one now living.

Orson Ballou Curtis was but five years old when he came with his parents to Colerain and began to attend the district schools. He completed his education at a select school in Halifax, Vt., where he afterward opened his career as a pedagogue. He also taught school several terms in Colerain previous to beginning mercantile life here as a clerk for Mr. Calvin Shattuck, in whose employ he acquired a good knowledge of business. He then opened a small grocery store in the village, in company with Mr. Walkup, also of Colerain; but afterward he bought out the interest of his partner in the store, and continued its management alone until his decease, April 21, 1888. He was a man of good business capacity, honest and upright, a most pleasant man to deal with, and soon built up a large and lucrative trade, having one of the most completely stocked stores of general merchandise in the vicinity. He was a sound Republican in

politics, and in public affairs was energetic and influential, representing his district in the legislature one term, serving as a member of the School Board, as Justice of the Peace for several years, and as Postmaster, an office which he was holding at the time of his demise. In religious matters he was actively interested, being a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, one of its officers for many years, a member of both boards, as well as superintendent of its Sunday-school for many years and the leader of its choir.

Mr. Curtis was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united September 5, 1849, was Mary S. Barber, a native of Cole-rain. After a brief term of wedded happiness she passed to the higher life, April 27, 1856. Mr. Curtis was married November 3, 1858, to Miss Sarah J. Shaw. She was born July 15, 1833, in Lowell, Mass. Her father, Philo S. Shaw, was born in Middleboro, Mass. He was a carpenter by trade, and in the latter part of his life worked as a loom builder. He married Adaline D. Cheever, a native of Lowell, Mass., and ten children were born to them, nine of whom grew to maturity, and five are now living, namely: Sarah J. (Mrs. Curtis); Kate A., of Griswoldville; Helen A.; Charles H., of California; and Edwin C., also a resident of California. The names of the departed were as follows: Adaline, William H., Rose B., George S., and Lewis C. Shaw. Mrs. Curtis is a woman of great personal worth, and is held in high esteem throughout the community in which so many pleasant years have been passed. She is a devoted Christian, active in the work of the church, and an efficient teacher in the Sunday-school. In her attractive home she has the companionship of a niece, Miss Bessie Ballou Curtis, who ably assists in hospitably entertaining their many friends and acquaintances.

SAMUEL SAWYER, who is engaged as a wood-turner at the works of the Miller's Falls Company, on Miller's River, in the town of Erving, Franklin County, opposite the village of Miller's Falls, was born at Richmond, N.H., May 3, 1836, son of John M. and Rowena Sawyer. His grandfather, Nathaniel Sawyer, was a native and life-long resident of Rutland, Mass.

John M. Sawyer, who was born in Rutland, abandoned the parental roof on attaining his majority, and purchased a farm in Richmond, N.H., where he engaged in cultivating the soil and operating a saw-mill. In 1848 he sold his property there, and purchased a farm in Winchester, N.H., where he resided until his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-three years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. John M. Sawyer married Rowena, daughter of Eli Sawyer, a farmer of Westminster, where her parents passed their entire lives. She was the mother of four children, all of whom are still living; namely, Joseph, Samuel, David, and Henry. The mother died in Winchester at the age of seventy-one years.

Samuel Sawyer attended both the district and the graded schools, and after the completion of his studies followed agriculture for a time, later finding employment in a saw-mill in Winchester village. He next went to Orange, where he acquired the trade of a founder; and, after the destruction of the foundry by fire, he engaged in the occupation of a millwright. He travelled for the Rodney Hunt Machine Company, setting up and adjusting machinery, and, after continuing with that concern until 1869, came to Miller's Falls for the purpose of constructing the dam and erecting the shops for the Miller's Falls Company. He commenced the extensive undertaking in April of that year, and in the fol-

lowing December had completed the dam, during which time he superintended each particular part of the work, from the cutting, hauling, and manufacturing of the lumber used in its construction to the figuring of the payroll. After the completion of this work he leased the old saw-mill at Miller's Falls, in which he conducted a jobbing business for a period of three years, at the expiration of which time he sold, and for the next year was engaged in the construction of buildings for industrial purposes at Rochester. He then went to the State of Michigan, where he remained for one and one-half years, and, returning East in 1877, engaged in his present business, which he has since successfully followed.

In 1856 Samuel Sawyer was united in marriage to his first wife, who was Miss Sarah H. Starkey, daughter of Melvin Starkey, of Keene, N.H. The only child of this union, Hattie M., married Mr. E. E. Angel, of Somerville, Mass.; and they have two children, named Pearl and Mildred. Mrs. Sarah H. Sawyer died in 1866; and Mr. Sawyer wedded for his second wife Sarah S. Pratt, a sister of Henry L. Pratt, of the Miller's Falls Company, and a native of Shutesbury, where her father was an extensive farmer and a well-known surveyor. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer have one son, Charles L., who is a tool-maker, and foreman of one of the departments in the Miller's Falls Company's shops. He married Alice E. Dibble, of Chester, Mass.; and they live at Miller's Falls.

Mr. Samuel Sawyer is a Republican in politics. He has served the town of Erving as a Selectman for eight years, also as Assessor; has served as Moderator of the town meetings fifteen years in succession; and has held other town offices. Charles L. Sawyer is a supporter of the same political party. The family attend the Congregational church.

JAMES PORTER, superintendent of the Greenfield Water Works, a public-spirited and influential citizen of the town, was born in the town of New Hartford, Conn., May 25, 1836. On the paternal side of the family he is of English stock, his father, the late Jesse Porter, having been born about nine miles from the city of London, May 22, 1798.

Jesse Porter was a wool stapler. When a young man he came to this country, and was engaged in buying wool for the New York and New England manufacturers for several years. In 1832 he married Mary Lester, a native of Northampton; and they soon after started westward, the Territory of Michigan being their point of destination. The journey from Northampton to Detroit was made with a horse and wagon, a large portion of their way being through an almost trackless wilderness. They spent some time in Detroit, where their eldest son was born, and bought land not far from that place, being for many years owners of a quarter-section in Oakland County. Returning to New England, they lived for a while in New Hartford, but in 1838 removed to Northampton, Mass. Mrs. Porter died April 4, 1848; and five weeks from that day her husband was buried by her side in the Northampton cemetery. They left an orphan family of six children, the youngest being five weeks old, and the eldest fourteen years. Their record is as follows: Jesse is a dentist in Chicopee. James is the subject of the present sketch. George W. died in October, 1866, at the age of twenty-nine years, leaving a widow. He was a brilliant and ambitious scholar in the Freshman class at Yale College, but gave up his literary aspirations to fight for his country's flag, enlisting in 1861 in Company E, Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, going out first as a scout, and was in

Richmond when McClellan was on the Peninsula. His last two years of service were spent in Washington, where he was chief clerk at the Department of Washington headquarters, his office being on the spot where Philip Barton Key was killed. Hannah M., a graduate of the Mount Holyoke Seminary, and for many years a successful teacher, died at South Hadley in February, 1866, aged twenty-five years. Albert E. died December 31, 1876, at Chicago, leaving a wife and one son, Albert. He too was a soldier in the late Civil War, enlisting when but sixteen years old, going to the front as a private in the New York Hawkins Zouaves, and participating in the battles of Big Bethel, Roanoke, and Fredericksburg. He was subsequently general ward master at the Harewood Hospital in Washington, until the expiration of his term of enlistment. Being physically disabled by the fatigue and exposures he had endured, he never recovered his health, but died about the time his little son was born. Mary L., the youngest child, lived but a year and a half of earthly life. Jesse Porter and his wife were devout Christian people, the former belonging to the Church of England, and the latter being a believer in the Methodist faith.

James Porter finished his education at the Wilbraham Academy, and in 1854 began to learn the trade of a tinner and plumber. In 1857 he established himself in business in Palmer. Two years later he sold out, and for another two years was engaged in journeyman work, settling then in Northampton, where he was in business several years. In 1864 Mr. Porter entered the employment of P. P. Stewart, as sale agent for his stoves; but "Black Friday," which discouraged all business men, broke up that enterprise, and he subsequently became book-keeper and cashier for a wholesale and importing crockery house in New

York. In 1865, owing to impaired health, Mr. Porter removed to Greenfield, buying the house at 30 Devens Street, where he has since lived, except the year 1876, when he was in New York City or on the road selling stoves. He first opened a store for the sale of the Stewart stoves, and handled nothing but Fuller & Warren's goods until 1867, when he sold out, his health being still too poor to allow of close attention to business. He then accepted the position of superintendent of the gas works, an office which he filled with satisfaction ten years. During the construction of the present system of water works Mr. Porter was clerk of the district and paymaster, and up to the fall of 1872 he was superintendent of the same. He was again appointed superintendent of the water works in 1882 for a term of three years, and from that time until 1888 was again connected with the gas company as superintendent. In 1889 Mr. Porter was elected superintendent and collector of the water works for the third time, and has filled the position with fidelity and ability up to the present, having won the trust and confidence of all concerned.

Mr. Porter was united in marriage May 27, 1857, to Harriet J. Burnett, of South Hadley, a daughter of Stoughton W. Burnett. Four children have been born to them, namely: Edward L., who passed away at the age of nineteen months; Byron A., who died in infancy; Fred H., who is correspondent in the Wells-Fargo and National Express Office in Boston; and Francis Russell, who is in Boston, with the National Express Company. Mr. Porter was in his earlier years a supporter of the principles of the Republican party, but since 1872 has uniformly cast his vote with the Democratic party. He is a man of liberal views on all subjects, and is free in religious thought.

MAJ. PHARCELLUS D. BRIDGES is a prominent farmer in South Deerfield, and still resides upon the homestead where he was born on December 21, 1846. His father, Benjamin F. Bridges, was born at Hardwick, Mass.; and his paternal grandfather was Isaac Bridges of that town.

Benjamin F. Bridges, who was a clothier by trade, owned and operated a mill at Sunderland, Mass., for many years, which he finally disposed of, and purchased the farm now occupied by his son. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits until compelled to relinquish active labor at the age of about seventy-five years, and died at the ripe old age of nearly ninety-five, in the full possession of his faculties, after an illness of but a few days' duration. His wife, Harriet A. Hubbard, a daughter of Spencer Hubbard, of Deerfield, still survives, making her home with her son, Major Bridges, who is one of nine that are now living out of a family of fourteen children.

Pharcellus D. Bridges received his elementary education in the district schools, and, after completing his studies at the Deerfield Academy, taught in both district and graded schools for a period of five years, subsequently entering mercantile life at Broad Brook, Conn., where he remained for some length of time. Later, in company with a twin brother, he assumed the responsibilities of the home farm, and also engaged in the buying and shipping of country produce, which he has since carried on extensively with profitable results.

In politics Major P. D. Bridges is a Republican. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, and has held various offices of trust. In 1875 he was elected a member of the School Board of the town, upon which he has served continuously ever since, and for the past eighteen years has been its Chairman—a

position for which, by virtue of his experience as a teacher, he is especially adapted. In this capacity he has been mainly instrumental in improving the educational system of his native town, and also in securing the erection of the present school buildings for the better accommodation of the pupils. The task of examining and selecting teachers has likewise devolved upon him for several years past, and he now has under his supervision a corps of twenty able instructors. In 1888 he was chosen Selectman, and has been Chairman of the Board from that time to the present, also having been Tax Collector for a period of seven years. In 1876 he was elected to the General Court, was re-elected in 1884, and again in 1893, when he was on the Committee on Military Affairs, being the only Representative in his district who has served three terms in the State legislature during the past thirty years. He has also served as Moderator of the annual town meetings twelve consecutive years.

Major Bridges's military career has been as active and honorable as his political service. He enlisted as a private in Company H, Second Regiment of South Deerfield, under command of Captain Babcock, and rapidly rose from rank to rank, till he became Captain. After his discharge he was unanimously re-elected, and he served as Captain of a company for a period of twelve years. In 1888 he was elected Major of the Second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, under the command of his uncle, Colonel Benjamin F. Bridges, Jr., which rank he holds at the present time, having been in the service for a period of twenty-five consecutive years. Major Bridges was made a Mason in Morning Star Lodge, No. 28, of Ware Point House, Conn. He is also connected with the Knights of Honor, and is a member of the Congregational church at South Deerfield.

MISS MARY T. DUTTON, of Northfield, was born in the house where she now resides, daughter of Samuel W. and Mary F. (Dascomb) Dutton. Miss Dutton's great-grandfather, Timothy Dutton, who was a native of Hebron, Conn., settled at Northfield when nearly sixty years old, about the year 1796. He was known as both Deacon and Squire Dutton; and he resided in Northfield, where he was a prosperous merchant, until his death, August 31, 1814. Timothy B. Dutton, son of Timothy and Martha (Bartholomew) Dutton, was born in Hebron, Conn., in 1776. He was an ensign in the militia, a deacon in the church, a merchant for some time in company with his father, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen in Northfield five years. He died in 1821.

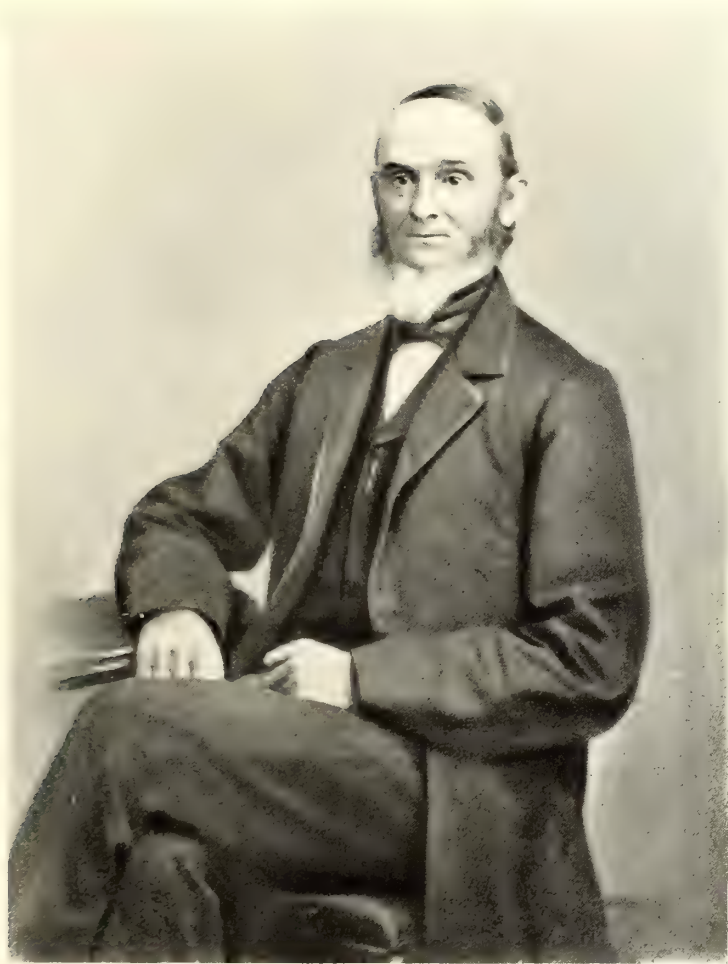
Samuel W. Dutton, son of Timothy B. and Mary (Williams) Dutton, was born in Northfield, May 13, 1813. He passed his entire life in this town, conducting mercantile business in company with a Mr. Osgood for a period of forty years. In addition to this, being a man of superior executive ability and of well-known integrity, he attended to a great amount of public business, and was called upon to settle many large estates. He served as Town Treasurer twenty-nine years, Town Clerk eighteen years, as a member of the School Committee twelve years, and was a representative to the State legislature in 1863. He was also a deacon for forty years, being very prominent in church affairs from early manhood until his death, at the age of sixty-three years. Deacon Dutton married December 3, 1835, Mary Dascomb, born June 3, 1797, daughter of Jacob Dascomb, of Wilton, N.H., and grand-daughter of James Dascomb, who was son of an English emigrant. Jacob Dascomb was born August 15, 1760, and died

in 1827. He served in the Revolutionary army, in the Massachusetts line. After his marriage, on August 11, 1783, to Rachel Dale, as we learn from the History of Wilton, N.H., he lived in Lyndeboro, N.H., till 1809, when he removed to Wilton. In the former town he served several years as Town Clerk and Selectman. Deacon Samuel W. Dutton and his wife were the parents of two children, namely: Samuel D., who served with distinction in the Civil War, and now resides in Nebraska; and Mary T., the subject of this sketch. The mother died in 1867, at the age of fifty-three years. Mr. Dutton's second wife was Mary A. White; and she died February 3, 1895, leaving no children.

In the public schools of Northfield Miss Dutton obtained a good knowledge of the common English branches, and then, entering Mount Holyoke Seminary at South Hadley, now Mount Holyoke College, applied herself to higher studies, but by her mother's failing health was prevented from finishing the course. She is pleasantly situated at her comfortable home in Northfield, in the substantial dwelling erected by her father in 1835.

As is clearly shown in these brief memorial paragraphs, the Dutton family has occupied a position of usefulness, influence, and honor in Northfield for nearly a full century. It is herewith further represented by a portrait of one of the best-known of its departed worthies, Deacon Samuel W., father of Miss Mary T. Dutton. Better be heir to a good name than the heritor of great riches.

CLARENCE M. LONG is the owner of a valuable homestead property in Shelburne, which has been in the possession of the Long family for more than



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a hundred years. The house, a well-built, substantial structure, his own birthplace and that of his father, was erected by his grandfather, Aaron Long, in 1784. His father, Lewis Long, was born on August 21, 1801, and he on September 13, 1840.

The Long family originated in Scotland, whence they emigrated to the north of Ireland, where John Long, the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, was born January 19, 1720. When six years of age he came to America with his parents, who settled in Eastern Massachusetts. Later, having grown to manhood, he became a pioneer of the town of Upton, in Worcester County, where he lived until 1780, when he removed with his family to Franklin County and bought the land now known as the Long homestead, which our subject owns and occupies. He carried on general farming, with the assistance of his son Aaron, until his death, September 30, 1797. He reared a family of ten children.

Aaron Long was born in Taunton, Mass., August 27, 1764; and, when he came to this farm in 1780 with his father, John Long, above named, it was almost in a wild state, the only improvements being small clearings and a rude log cabin. By well-directed labor and indomitable perseverance he succeeded in placing a large portion of it under culture, and here reared his family of eleven children to be useful men and women. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary Miller, a native of Colerain, born April 26, 1767, died September 21, 1823, after a wedded life of thirty-seven years, their marriage having been solemnized February 16, 1786. In April, 1826, he married Mrs. Clarissa Severance, who was born in 1777, and died March 10, 1834. Aaron Long was a man of irreproachable character, clear-headed and public-spirited, a faithful member

of the Congregational church, to which his first wife also belonged. His second wife was a member of the Baptist church. The record of his children is thus given: Polly, born July 9, 1787, died October 20, 1809; Anna, born August 6, 1789, died August 4, 1793; Peggy, born March 19, 1792, died August 28, 1835; Melinda, born September 25, 1794, died September 11, 1845; Aaron, born January 10, 1797, died January 17, 1864; Anna, born March 18, 1799, died September 10, 1878; Lewis, born August 21, 1801, died October 12, 1868; Joel, born August 28, 1803, died April 9, 1808; Alonzo, born October 22, 1805, died January 14, 1863; Joel, born January 14, 1808, died February 5, 1834; and Robert M., born July 9, 1810, died March 9, 1839.

Lewis Long, the seventh-born, was a lifelong resident of the family homestead, and was one of the successful farmers of the town, owning one hundred and seventy acres of land, which he tilled with good results, continuing the improvements inaugurated by his father. He was a man of sterling worth and ability, a Republican in politics, and a Congregationalist in his religious beliefs. He married Sally Bardwell, a native of Shelburne, born August 12, 1804. The name Bardwell, which is of English origin, was originally spelled and pronounced Bordwell; and some branches of the family still adhere to the old way, although the most prefer the more modern Bardwell. Mrs. Long's first ancestor in this country was Robert Bardwell, who was apprenticed to the hatter's trade in London, England, in 1665, and who five years later came to America, arriving in Boston during the time of the Indian troubles. He was sent directly to Hadley, but afterward he settled in Hatfield, where he was married November 29, 1676, and where his death occurred in January, 1725. Samuel

Bardwell, the second of the four sons of Robert, settled in Deerfield after his marriage, and reared a family of thirteen children. Gideon, the seventh child, who was born July 2, 1724, and died January 20, 1814, settled in Montague, and reared seven children, one of them being Gideon, Jr., born December 1, 1754.

In 1777 or 1778, Gideon Bardwell, Jr., settled at a point on the river's bank that became known as Bardwell's Ferry, he keeping a boat there for many years to transport passengers and goods. He died September 11, 1828. On February 11, 1779, he was united in marriage with Keziah Foster, who was born March 10, 1761, and died October 23, 1845. The record of their children is as follows: Joel, born August 8, 1780, died March 9, 1849; Melicent, born July 9, 1783, died April 14, 1810; Aaron, born November 8, 1785, died in March, 1855; Sally, born May 6, 1789, died December 25, 1797; William, born September 17, 1791, died May 30, 1867; Loren N., born October 18, 1794, died October 14, 1797; Hannah, born March 12, 1799, died July 6, 1839; and Sally (Mrs. Lewis Long), born August 12, 1804, died January 23, 1875. Five children were the fruit of the union of Lewis and Sally (Bardwell) Long, as follows: Melinda B., who married William Nims, was born April 12, 1832, and died December 7, 1863; Melissa J., born October 15, 1834, married Zenas D. Bardwell, and died February 28, 1889; Melicent A., born October 15, 1834, married Zerah C. Alvord, died March 18, 1887; Clarence M. is the subject of this sketch; Solomon L., born August 28, 1844, a carpenter by trade, lives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Clarence M. Long was educated in the district schools and at a select school in Shelburne Centre. From earliest boyhood he

assisted in the manual labor of the farm, and when quite a young man he assumed its entire management. After the death of his father he bought out the interest of the other heirs, and has since been prosperously engaged in general farming and dairying. Possessing good financial ability, he has also carried on a successful business in buying and selling cattle, and has acquired a comfortable competency. He is a man of unquestioned integrity and every way worthy of the high regard in which he is held.

On May 23, 1865, Mr. Long was united in marriage with Emeline M. Rice, who was born March 3, 1841, in Colerain, a daughter of Moses and Ann (Smith) Rice, and great-grand-daughter of Major Hezekiah Smith. Mr. Rice was born October 4, 1799, at Hancock, N. Y., and Mrs. Rice February 19, 1798, in Colerain. He was a shoe dealer, and carried on an extensive business in Holyoke, living there until his death, November 24, 1853. His widow and five children survived him. Mrs. Rice is still living, but two of the children have since passed away, namely: Clark M., born December 26, 1831, who died August 29, 1855; and Prudence B. Niles, born October 2, 1830, who died February 5, 1859. The living are: Jennie A., born April 11, 1834, the wife of Elias Stone, of Halifax, Vt.; Nathaniel S., born August 1, 1836, residing at Rowe, Mass.; and Emeline M., Mrs. Long.

Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Long, one of whom, Della M., born November 6, 1866, died March 19, 1891. Louis R. Long, born October 12, 1868, is a farmer, and lives with his parents. Archie C. Long, born August 24, 1872, is also a farmer, and lives on the old homestead.

Mr. Long is a Republican in politics, as are his sons; and for fifteen years he served acceptably as a member of the School Board. Mr. and Mrs. Long and their sons are members of

the Congregational church, and are highly esteemed throughout the community, being exemplary citizens, kind and obliging neighbors, and agreeable friends, their home being the centre of a gracious hospitality.

CHARLES S. HILLMAN, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Conway, March 1, 1814. He is the son of Presbrey and Editha (Hitchcock) Hillman, both natives of Conway, and the grandson of Lot Hillman, one of the early settlers of that town. Grandfather Lot Hillman was a cowboy in his early years, in England, his native country. On coming to America he spent a short time at Martha's Vineyard, and then settled in Conway, being one of the sturdy pioneers whose determined will, ably seconded by muscle, reduced the wilderness to a condition adapted to the needs of civilized life.

"Oft did the harvest to their sickle yield,
Their labor oft the stubborn glebe has broke;
How jocund did they drive their team afield!
How bowed the woods beneath their sturdy stroke!"

Lot Hillman died in his prime. His wife, whose maiden name was Lovie Luce, lived to a good old age, dying in Colerain. They had ten children, all of whom reached maturity, Presbrey, the father of our subject, being the eldest.

Presbrey Hillman grew to manhood in Conway, and there engaged in farming, also dealing in stock. He moved to Colerain in 1822, and settled on a farm adjoining the estate on which his son Charles S. now lives. As a farmer he was very successful, and he was one of the largest stock dealers in this vicinity. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. He served three terms as a rep-

resentative to the State legislature, and also filled various town offices, including that of Assessor. He died on his farm in Colerain at the age of sixty-eight, his wife living to be seventy-five. They had six children, one of whom, Sylvanus T., died in infancy. The others, who were named as follows: Eleanor H., Charles S., Henry M., Daniel D., and Nancy T., all grew up, were married, and all but one have passed away, Charles S. being the only survivor.

Charles S. Hillman was eight years old when his parents moved to Colerain, and here in the district school he received his education. He has followed farming since boyhood, succeeding to the ownership of the farm of his fathers, which comprised fifty-six acres when it came into his possession. On that farm he spent twenty years. He has owned various other farms, and in 1879 purchased the one upon which he now lives, which covers one hundred and twenty acres. Mr. Hillman has literally "earned his bread by the sweat of his brow," working early and late to win success.

He was married on November 14, 1839, to Jane Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson and grand-daughter of David Wilson, one of the first settlers in the town. Mrs. Hillman was born in Colerain, June 1, 1819, and died at her home in this town, September 8, 1890, leaving three children. A daughter, Mary A., wife of H. W. Thompson, had died some time previous, at the age of thirty-seven. The living children are: Flora A., wife of Arthur A. Smith, of Colerain; Charles W., who lives on the farm with his father; and Daniel D., who resides in Colerain. Mr. Hillman is a Republican, and has been Selectman during one term, and has filled several minor offices. One of the oldest citizens of the town, he holds a high place in the esteem of his fellow-men.

SYLVANDER G. BENSON, a well-known farmer of Heath, was born in this town on September 16, 1856, and is a son of Squire and Elvira (Buck) Benson. His grandfather, also named Squire Benson, who married Hannah Green, was a son of Berrick and Sarah (Comstock) Benson. Berrick Benson was a native of Thompson, Conn., where he followed agricultural pursuits and was a very prosperous farmer. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, was a Whig in politics, and both himself and wife lived to reach a ripe old age. Their children were: Jonathan, Ebenezer, Berrick, Jr., Job, Daniel, Joseph, Louise, Deborah, Sarah, Eunice, and Squire. The last named, whose birth occurred at Burroughsville, Conn., in 1785, first settled at Thompson, but moved to Heath, Mass., previous to the year 1813, where he purchased a small tract of land situated upon Burned Hill, and became one of the first settlers of the town. He cleared a good farm from the wilderness, which he occupied for many years; but during the latter part of his life he resided at Shelburne Falls, where he died on May 20, 1870. His wife died in 1871. She was born in 1792, and she was a daughter of Henry Green, a veteran of the Revolutionary War. They were the parents of the following children, three of whom died in infancy; the others, who grew to maturity, were as follows: Seymour B., Nelson H., Hannah, Orinda, Sylvander, Russell F., Squire, Jr., Mary E., Frederick O., Charles D., Eucla E., Lucy O., and Francis O. Squire Benson, Jr., was born at Heath, July 6, 1823, and, when a very young man, commenced work in a tannery, where he was employed to grind bark. He followed that in connection with farming for several years, or until his marriage, which occurred on February 14, 1850, to Elvira Buck, daughter of John and Elvira (Lee) Buck. Her

parents, who were early pioneers of Heath, later moved to New York State, where they died at a ripe old age. Squire Benson, Jr., having purchased the Buck farm immediately following the ceremony of his wedding, made many noticeable improvements in the property, which he successfully cultivated for many years. Both he and his wife are now passing their declining years in the enjoyment of good health. Their children are: Frederick, who married Audelle Vincent; Sylvander G., of Heath; and Sarah S., who wedded George A. Stetson. One daughter, Eucla E., died at the age of nineteen years.

Sylvander G. Benson resided with his parents until reaching manhood, and was engaged to some extent in following the trade of a carpenter. In 1888 he wedded Miss Rose Gould, of Heath, only daughter of George and Jane (Merrifield) Gould, the former born in this town on April 18, 1828. He was the son of Captain David and Sarah (Green) Gould, and grandson of Eli and Bernice (Johnson) Gould, who settled upon Burned Hill, where they cleared a good farm and became very prosperous. They lived to attain a ripe old age, and reared the following children: Samuel, David, Stillman, Eli, Willard, Betsey, Elmira, and Arethusa. David Gould became an extensive land-owner and very successful farmer. He was a Captain in the State militia, and held most of the important offices in the town where he resided for his entire life. He died at the age of seventy-two years, his wife at sixty-eight years. They had reared twelve children, as follows: Caroline, Henry, Angeline, George, Bernice, Jane, Almira, Lyman, Louisa, Willard, Ann, and Charles.

George Gould, upon attaining his majority, settled upon the farm where Mr. Benson now resides. He was a very successful farmer and stock-raiser, to that branch of business devot-

ing his principal attention until his decease, at the age of fifty-six years. He married on October 7, 1856, Jane Merrifield, daughter of Robert Merrifield, Jr., and Mary Faulkner Merrifield. The other children of Mrs. Gould's parents were: Rufus, Emerson, John, Mary, Esther, Emily, Lawson, Fanny, Laura, Sarah, and Lucy. Mrs. Gould's paternal grandparents, Robert and Rebecca (Fisher) Merrifield, emigrated from England and settled upon a farm of one hundred acres in the town of Colerain, Mass., a few miles east of Heath.

Subsequent to his marriage Mr. Benson assumed charge of the Gould farm, and has since managed it with the most pronounced success. He carries on general farming and conducts a well-equipped dairy. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are members of the Union church.

EDWARD B. ARMS, President and Director of the Arms Manufacturing Company, in which he owns a large amount of stock, was born at his present home in Deerfield, October 7, 1867. His parents were Charles and Harriet D. (Palmer) Arms, his father being a native of the town of Deerfield, as was also his grandfather, Dennis Arms, who was a shoe dealer and manufacturer and the founder of the pocket-book manufactory in this town. In his day the nearest depot from which he could secure his supplies and material was Albany, whence he used to fetch them by ox teams, shipping his goods to market by way of the river. He died in Deerfield, at the age of sixty-four years, highly respected by all.

Charles Arms was one of four children, three boys and one girl, James only now living. Charles was brought up in the village of Deerfield, receiving his education in the district schools of the town and at Shelburne

Falls Academy. At an early age he acquired a knowledge of agricultural methods, and at the age of eighteen entered his father's factory, soon gaining a good knowledge of the business, and becoming overseer. Later, in connection with his brothers, he purchased an interest in the factory; and after his father died he bought out his brothers' interests, and conducted the business alone for some years. At a still later period he formed a company; and the firm name was changed from that of Charles Arms to the Charles Arms Manufacturing Company, Mr. Arms remaining prominently connected with it until his death, at the age of fifty-seven, on April 15, 1888. He had always been active in public affairs, and was a member of the Board of Selectmen. He was also a Director of the Franklin Savings Bank and the Smith Charity Fund. His death was partly due to his over-exertions in the superintendence of various public and town affairs, and was deeply deplored by his fellow-citizens. His wife, Harriet D. Palmer, a daughter of Squire Palmer, was born in Deerfield. They had three children: Hattie E.; Minnie L.; and Edward B., whose name appears above. Both parents were members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Arms still survives, and is a resident of Deerfield, making her home with her son, Edward B. By a previous marriage to Harriet Clark, of this town, Mr. Arms had one child—Julia M.—who married William W. Foster.

Edward B. Arms was educated in the district schools and high school of Greenfield, Mass., and subsequently took a course at a business college in Springfield. He began to work for his father at the early age of fourteen; and at the age of eighteen, after completing his studies, he took a position with the firm as shipping clerk, remaining thus en-

gaged until the death of his father. At that time the present company was formed, he then taking a position as clerk in the office. He was elected President of the company in 1892. The importance of the concern may be judged from the fact that of the eighty-four large pocket-book manufactories in the world it is considered as the second. Mr. Arms is a very popular and prominent young man in his town. He is a Republican in politics, and is a worthy successor of his father, who was one of the leading men of this locality. Mr. Arms was married in October, 1893, to Miss Martha F. Munyan, who was born in Easthampton, daughter of Aubrey Munyan, an engineer in the employ of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. Mrs. Arms, like her husband, is a favorite in the social circles of Deerfield.

CHARLES M. BALLOU, a well-known farmer, hotel proprietor, and horse dealer of Wendell Centre, was born in the town of Wendell, Franklin County, Mass., January 19, 1867, son of Stephen and Josephine M. (Beach) Ballou. His grandfather, Francis Ballou, was a native of Canada, being son of a French emigrant. Francis Ballou was brought up a farmer in that province, but removed to the United States and settled at Stafford Springs, Conn. His death, however, occurred at the home of his grandson, Charles M., in the town of Wendell, Mass. Stephen Ballou, son of Francis, was born in Connecticut, and there reared to agricultural pursuits. He came to Wendell in 1865, and resided in the town for twenty-five years, dying at the age of forty-four, at the present home of his son, Charles M. Ballou. His wife, Josephine M. Beach, was a native of the town of Wendell, where her father was a practical farmer. They

reared three children: Charles M., the subject of this sketch; William H.; and Anna B., who married John Maddern, of the town of Orange. The mother is still living, and makes her home in Connecticut.

Charles M. Ballou spent his boyhood on the home farm with his parents, and acquired his education in the district school. At the death of his father he came into possession of the farm, which contains fifty acres of good land, and has since occupied himself in bringing his land into a high state of cultivation and otherwise improving the property. He has been quite successful in attaining the object of his modest ambition, and is classed among the most enterprising and prosperous agriculturalists of Wendell. He is a Democrat in politics. That he is a man who faithfully performs the duties of citizenship, and is possessed of ripe judgment and good business qualifications, may be gathered from the fact that he has been called upon to serve his town in several public capacities, having been Constable and Assessor for 1895.

Mr. Ballou was married September 11, 1890, to Laura Brown, daughter and only child of Robert O. and Mary A. Brown, residents of the State of Connecticut, where her father was engaged in mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Ballou have one child, Frank E., a bright boy, who bids fair to be a credit to the family in years to come. Mrs. Ballou attends the Congregational church, and stands high in the estimation of her neighbors for her true womanly qualities.

FREDERICK DWIGHT KELLOGG, Associate Manager of the New Home Sewing Machine Company foundry, of Orange, Mass., is a man well fitted for this position of trust, and is fulfilling its responsi-

ble duties with commendable fidelity. He was born November 29, 1840, in the town of New Salem, Franklin County, and is a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Putnam) Kellogg. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Kellogg, was born and reared in New Salem, where, after marrying Susan Felton, he bought a farm, on which he lived for many years, he and his wife both dying there. They reared a large family of children, of whom the following are deceased: James, Lucy, Joseph, M.D., Samuel, Nancy, Hannah, Sally, Susan, Henry, Nathaniel, and Roxanna. Esther and Frederick are still living, enjoying the twilight of a long and usefully spent life.

Frederick Kellogg was born in New Salem, January 21, 1816, and there received as good an education as the district schools of that day afforded. He became a farmer by occupation, and when fifty-five years of age moved to Orange, where he for a time engaged in mercantile pursuits. Being better pleased with a farmer's life, he bought at length a farm of one hundred and fifty acres and started a dairy business, which has since become extensive and profitable. About fifteen years ago he had the sad misfortune to lose his eyesight, and is now obliged to hire a man to carry out his instructions in regard to the work, which goes on in the same systematic manner as of yore. Broad in his views, a true and loyal citizen, and possessing the courage of his convictions, he is a steadfast Republican in politics, and with his wife is a consistent and worthy member of the Unitarian church. His wife, formerly Elizabeth Putnam, is a daughter of Amos Putnam, who during his life was one of the progressive and worthy farmers of New Salem. They reared a family of three children: Frederick, Edwin N., and Susan E. Edwin N., who died in November, 1885, was born May 18, 1843, married Eliza Moore, and they were the

parents of four children: Agnes E., Nathaniel P., Grace E., and Charles L. Susan E., born June 16, 1845, is the wife of William Orcutt, a farmer of New Salem, and the mother of three children: Frank A., George A., and Mary E.

Frederick D. Kellogg acquired the rudiments of learning in the public schools of New Salem, afterward attending the academy, where he pursued the higher branches. When a youth of seventeen years he began teaching, and for six winters thereafter was thus engaged, while during seed-time and harvest he worked on the farm. He was employed as a clerk by his brother Edwin during the succeeding four years, at the expiration of which period he entered the service of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, being engaged the first winter in the humble capacity of truckman and general workman. Proving himself eminently trustworthy and capable, he was offered a position in the office as assistant bookkeeper; and here his efficiency soon earned for him an unasked promotion to the office of paymaster at the foundry. His duties have since been increased, so that now he has general charge of buying the iron, coal, wood, and other supplies, answering correspondence, and similar confidential work. Mr. Kellogg's business qualifications are of a high order; and much of the work connected with the foundry is left to his good judgment, and is carried on in a manner highly satisfactory to his employers.

The union of Mr. F. D. Kellogg with Miss C. R. Bragg was celebrated in 1862. Mrs. Kellogg was born in Royalston, and is a daughter of the late Benjamin and Mary G. (Snow) Bragg, the former of whom was for many years engaged in the manufacture of satin and woollen goods. Mr. Bragg departed this life when but sixty-five years of age; but

his widow survived him, living to the advanced age of fourscore and five years. Both were devoted members of the Congregational church, and reared their children to the same faith. Their family circle included eight children, of whom four grew to maturity, namely: Sarah P., wife of Newell Holman; C. R., Mrs. Kellogg; Mary S., who makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg; and Benjamin L., who married Frances M. Sessions. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg has been blessed by the birth of two children: Frederick L., born May 26, 1867, now one of the physicians of Somerville, who married Miss Grace Warren; and Edwin D., born January 29, 1882. In 1873 Mr. Kellogg built the fine house on Main Street which he has since occupied, and where he is interested with his father in the milk business. It is a commodious and conveniently arranged dwelling, and under the supervision of his estimable wife is the centre of a generous hospitality. A staunch Republican in politics, he is ever too much engrossed by the cares of his business to accept political office. His financial ability and sterling integrity are recognized by all, and he is now serving as one of the Trustees and as Auditor of the Orange Savings Bank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg are esteemed and active members of the Congregational church and liberal contributors toward its support.

JOHN A. ANDREWS, whose death occurred on his homestead in Shelburne, Franklin County, March 15, 1894, was born in this town on June 26, 1818. The ancestors of Mr. Andrews were among the early settlers of Eastern Massachusetts. His paternal grandfather, James Andrews, is supposed to have been a native of Taunton, Mass. He was a farmer by occupation, and after his mar-

riage removed to Conway, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, being one of those sturdy pioneers who did so much at an early day toward developing the natural resources of this county.

John Andrews, son of James and father of John A. Andrews, was born in Taunton, Mass., and when little more than an infant was brought by his parents to Conway, where he grew to manhood. He was trained to farming pursuits, and also learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed in connection with the former. He lived for some years in Conway, going thence to Hawley, and coming from there to Shelburne. Here he bought a tract of land in the southern part of the town; and in the course of a few years he established a fine homestead, on which he engaged in general farming and stock-raising during the years of his activity. His declining years were passed at the home of his sons, John A. and Edwin Andrews, where his death occurred at the age of seventy-six years. He married Content Hawks, who was born in Deerfield; and they became the parents of six children, who grew to mature years, four of whom are deceased; namely, John A., Mrs. Dolly Newhall, Valoris, and Frederick. The survivors are Mrs. Caroline Holmes and Edwin.

Like his father, John A. Andrews wisely chose farming as the means by which he should earn a livelihood. In company with his brother Edwin he bought the old Bardwell farm, and this they managed in partnership for some years. Later the property was divided; and in 1879 Mr. John A. Andrews moved on to the homestead now occupied by Mrs. Andrews and her children, which contains three hundred and thirty acres of rich and valuable land, and whose cultivation and improvement he continued until his death. Mr. Andrews was a man of marked intelligence and ability, and was one who ex-



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erted a beneficial influence in the community. In educational matters and in whatever concerned the general welfare and advancement he took a deep interest, and served in various town offices with great acceptability, having been Selectman two years, a part of the time being chairman of the board. He was a faithful member of the Congregational church, which he joined when a young man.

Mr. Andrews was twice married. His first wife, Elvira Kingsbury, lived but a brief time after her marriage. Two children, John R. and Georgianna, were born to them, both of whom died in infancy. Mr. Andrews subsequently married Sarah A. Carpenter, the daughter of George Carpenter, of Shelburne, a further account of whose family may be found on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of Walter W. Carpenter. Three children were born to Mr. John A. and Mrs. Sarah A. Andrews, namely: Anna T., July 16, 1857; Benjamin W., August 13, 1861; and Elvira K., June 9, 1865, all of whom live on the old homestead with their mother. The Andrews estate is still owned by Mrs. Andrews and her children, and is practically under the management of the son, who is a thorough-going and capable agriculturist. He is carrying on general farming, stock-raising, and dairying, keeping from thirty to thirty-five head of cattle and about seventy sheep, and is meeting with excellent success. Benjamin is a stanch Republican in politics, as was his honored father, a straightforward business man, and a useful and valued citizen, enjoying the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men.

FRANK L. BURROWS, formerly a conductor on the New York Central Railroad, now a well-to-do farmer of Bernardston, Mass., his native place, was born

on August 11, 1831, son of Isaac and Rebecca L. (Connable) Burrows. Amos Burrows, father of Isaac, was born in Connecticut, whence he moved to Leyden, Franklin County, Mass., being one of the early settlers of that town. After working for some years at blacksmithing, later he turned his attention to farming, and in the course of time became the owner of a square mile of land in Leyden and Bernardston. He was very successful, and accumulated considerable wealth before his death, which occurred on the place where Nelson Burrows now lives, at the ripe old age of ninety-four years. He had a family of six sons and three daughters, and left each of his children a good property. Even after he had passed his ninetieth year, he was a remarkably active man. For his wife he kept a carriage, but he himself always rode on horseback.

Isaac Burrows was born in Leyden, Mass., in 1797, and spent most of his life there and in Bernardston, following the vocation of farmer. He was a hard-working man and a prominent citizen, serving as Selectman of Bernardston for over twenty years, and was a member of the State legislature one term. In religion he was a Universalist, and in politics a Democrat, like his father. October 30, 1821, he was married to Rebecca Connable, who was born in Bernardston in 1803, and died here, April 6, 1874. His own death took place at Bernardston, December 4, 1865. Their children, all natives of Bernardston, are as follows: George H., born December 21, 1822, lives in Buffalo, N.Y., and was for many years Superintendent for the New York Central Railroad; Julia L., born September 21, 1826, became the wife of Barnabas Snow, a farmer of Greenfield; Melissa M., born March 8, 1829, was married to Silas N. Brooks, and they now reside in Chicago; Frank L. Burrows is further mentioned below;

Edwin C. Burrows, born February 6, 1834, is a farmer, residing in Bernardston; Henrietta W., born February 6, 1827, now wife of Ezekiel C. Hale, resides in Bernardston; Frederick A. Burrows, born July 12, 1839, is a farmer, living in Illinois; Abbie M., born February 7, 1841, is now the wife of Lucian S. W. Coy, residing at Little Rock, Ark.

Frank L. Burrows was educated in the public schools of Bernardston, where he grew to manhood. At the age of twenty-one he entered upon his career as a railroad man, starting as a fireman on the New York Central Railroad, at the end of six months being made engineer, and serving in that capacity for three years, when he became a conductor on the Wabash Railroad, which position he retained for eighteen years. Thereafter for two years he held the office of Assistant Superintendent of that road, then returned to the New York Central as a conductor, and for twelve or thirteen years ran passenger trains between Syracuse and Buffalo, being finally obliged, on account of ill-health in his family, to give up railroading. Removing to Bernardston, Mr. Burrows purchased in 1887 the old farm where he had spent his boyhood days, and now gives his whole time and attention to farming and stock-raising. He owns in all about two hundred acres, on which are situated some fine buildings.

On the 28th of November, 1855, Frank L. Burrows was united in marriage to Josephine S. Carrier, who was born in Bernardston, November 3, 1834, daughter of Amos Carrier. Mr. Carrier was a shoemaker by trade. He died at about seventy, and his wife, the mother of Mrs. Burrows, at nearly ninety-four years of age. Mrs. Josephine S. C. Burrows died September 15, 1892, aged fifty-eight years.

Mr. Burrows has one daughter — Maveret

P., born August 10, 1867, now the wife of H. A. Perry, a commission merchant of Manhattan, Kan. Energetic, open-handed, public-spirited, ever ready to help in all works of improvement, Mr. Burrows is easily a foremost citizen of Bernardston. As a religionist, he is of the liberal type; and, as a voter, he affiliates with the Republican party. He has a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and many who turn the leaves of this book will be pleased to recognize his portrait on an adjoining page.

FRANK E. LOWE, of the firm of Lowe Brothers & Co., commission merchants, wholesale dealers in meats and provisions, with stores located at Fitchburg, Gardner, and Greenfield, has charge of the establishment in the last-named place, his trade also extending into the surrounding towns. These gentlemen handle the finest beef obtainable, direct from Swift & Co., of Chicago, and buy their other provisions from the leading markets of the country, carrying none but the most desirable goods in any line. Their business was first established in 1871, at Fitchburg, by the older brothers — Waldo H., Ira A., and Albert N. — and is now under the management of a fourth brother, Orin M. Lowe. In April, 1887, the store in this town was opened, and has since been carried on by Mr. Frank E. Lowe, who has built up a thriving trade. The market at Gardner was started soon after the Greenfield one, and placed on a paying basis, under the efficient management of George R. Lowe, another brother.

The name of Lowe has been prominent and honored in the annals of Fitchburg, Worcester County, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch having been a large landholder of the town and one of its most active and influential citizens. His son David was a mason

by trade and a life-long resident of that place. He married Sarah Messenger, also a native of Fitchburg, born in 1800 and a resident of the town until her decease, at the age of sixty-six years. They reared a family of nine children, who became useful and respected members of society.

John Lowe, their first son, who was born in 1824, is a highly esteemed citizen of Fitchburg, and one of the most active, being engaged in the meat and provision business with his sons. He has been twice married, and is the father of twelve sons and five daughters, all living, the sons being industriously engaged in life's vocations. His first wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Mead, died in 1866, at the age of forty-two years, leaving nine sons and three daughters, of whom Frank E. was the eleventh child and eighth son. He subsequently married Mary Lowe, a daughter of John Russell and widow of George Lowe; and of this union five children were born — three sons and two daughters.

Frank E. Lowe was educated in the fine public schools of his native city, and on the completion of his studies began his mercantile career, going at first to that busy mart of the West — Chicago — where he acquired a practical insight into the business in which he is now engaged, being for some time in the employ of Swift & Co., a firm well known throughout our own country and the European continent. Returning from Chicago to Fitchburg, Mr. Lowe there spent a year and a half before opening his present establishment in Greenfield, as above mentioned. He is a level-headed, keen, and sagacious man of business, sustaining a good reputation for honorable methods and fair dealing, is very popular among his associates, and is a valued member of the Greenfield Club. In politics he agrees with the views publicly expressed at the polls

by his father and brothers, who at the last Presidential election cast twelve Republican votes.

Many positions of trust have been held by members of the family, one brother, Arthur Houghton Lowe, having been Mayor of Fitchburg and President of Board of Trade, and the father and three of the brothers having been Councilmen. A few months ago the subject of electric street railroads from Greenfield to Turner's Falls, and from Turner's Falls to Miller's Falls, was agitated. This met with considerable opposition, which was finally overcome by the persistent effort of Mr. Frank E. Lowe, the subject of this sketch, and other leading business and professional men. Mr. Lowe was one of the first to become interested in the scheme, and is the largest local stockholder. In recognition of his willing service and untiring efforts in behalf of the roads the stockholders honored him with a call to the Presidency of both the Greenfield and Turner's Falls Street Railway Company and the Montague Street Railway Company. Mr. Lowe is also a partner in the Falulah Paper Company of Fitchburg, with his brothers Albert N. and Herbert G., and their uncle, Seth D., doing a large and prosperous business in the manufacture of fine-coated Manila paper.

CEPHAS CLESSON SEVERANCE, a highly respected and prosperous farmer of Leyden, Franklin County, was born where he now resides, April 23, 1812, son of Matthew and Mary (Wells) Severance. His grandfather, Matthew Severance, Sr., was a native of Fort Dummer, Brattleboro, Vt., where he was born in June of 1735. He settled in Greenfield and lived there for several years; but finally, about 1807, he removed to Leyden, where he suc-

cessfully engaged in farming. He served as a patriot soldier in the French and Indian War, during which, on June 25, 1758, he was taken prisoner, but made his escape, and to avoid recapture was forced to conceal himself in a hollow log. He died March 14, 1816, at the home of his son Matthew in Leyden. His wife, Experience Nash Severance, was born in Greenfield, Mass., in May, 1745, and died a few years after his decease. She and her husband were the parents of twelve children, of whom eleven grew to maturity; but all have now passed away.

Their son, Matthew Severance, resided in Greenfield up to the time of his marriage. In 1793 he removed to Leyden and settled on the farm where his son, Cephas Clesson Severance, now resides. But little had then been accomplished in the settlement of the town, and the country was still in a wild and uncultivated state. Roads even were almost unknown, the traveller being guided by marked trees and similar devices; and of human habitations there was nothing more pretentious than the log cabin. Mr. Severance owned an excellent farm; and, being endowed with a good fund of energy, in addition to his agricultural pursuits he also successfully engaged in the vocations of a tanner and shoemaker. In politics he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, which he afterward supported. He served as a Captain in the State militia. He and his wife, Mary Wells Severance, were the parents of ten children, of whom Cephas Clesson is the only survivor. Mehitable, born August 7, 1787, died April 6, 1805; Mary, born March 4, 1790, died July 20, 1820; Matthew, born November 2, 1793, died September 21, 1805; Cyrus, born November 15, 1796, died in 1861; Chester, born April 20, 1799, died December 3, 1884; Miranda, born January 29, 1802, died December 5, 1805; Emorancy,

born March 21, 1804, died November 23, 1871; Matthew, born August 9, 1807, died August 2, 1867; Ross, born May 12, 1810, died May 28, 1810. Their father's death occurred October 29, 1834, at the home place, and that of their mother several years later, in October, 1845.

Cephas Clesson Severance was reared on the old home farm, acquiring a good practical education in the district school. Throughout the active period of his life he was successfully engaged in agriculture, and now owns an excellent farm of seventy acres. On November 19, 1835, Mr. Severance was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Miner, a native of Leyden, who was born May 4, 1810, and died September 25, 1853. Their union was blessed by the birth of five children. Samuel C., the eldest, who was born August 1, 1836, carries on the home place. He served eleven months in the Civil War as a soldier of Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment. On October 29, 1872, Samuel C. Severance was married to Miss Anjanette Deane, who was born June 11, 1843, in Gill, Mass., and they have six children: Edith L., born November 26, 1873; Leon H., born February 15, 1875; Harriett G., born December 2, 1876; Herman W., born November 22, 1881; Mildred E., born February 15, 1883; and Guy R., born November 2, 1889. Harriett A. Severance, born October 5, 1838, died October 31, 1892. Henry H., born January 7, 1841, died July 28, 1843. Mary Meroa, born August 4, 1843, resides at home. Charles F., born July 11, 1848, is a farmer in Leyden, where he has served as Selectman and in other offices. He was married November 21, 1871, to Miss Ella S. Vining, of Bakersville, Vt., born January 7, 1852, and they have had two daughters: Gratia Ethel, born July 6, 1874; and Florence Agnes, who was born May 26, 1876, and

died May 22, 1892. On May 10, 1855, Cephas Clesson Severance was married to his present wife, Miss Nancy B. Legate, who was born in Charlemont, Mass., October 4, 1813, daughter of John and Sally (Blodgett) Legate.

Mr. Severance is a staunch supporter of Republican principles, and since reaching his majority has missed but two town meetings, an example well worthy of imitation. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Although well advanced in years, Mr. Severance still possesses a good degree of mental vigor and has a most excellent memory.

DR. CHARLES LEE FISK, the oldest resident physician of the town of Greenfield, Mass., and the senior member of the Masonic fraternity living in the Connecticut valley, has achieved a large measure of success in his chosen profession, the natural result of superior ability, untiring application, and the personal qualities that win respect and confidence. The Doctor is of thrifty Scotch ancestry and a native of Connecticut, having been born December 25, 1804, in the town of Hampton, Windham County, which was also the place of nativity of his father, Ezra Fisk, who was born in 1777, and died at the age of fifty-four years, of typhoid fever.

Amaziah Fisk, the father of Ezra, was for many years a substantial farmer of Windham County, Connecticut, carrying on his occupation in the towns of Hampton and Chaplin, his death occurring in that county at the age of eighty-six years. He was twice married, his first wife being the mother of all of his children, four sons and four daughters. The sons were: David, Ezra, Alba, and Bingham. David died in early youth. Ezra, as noted

above, was the father of Dr. Fisk. Alba, a skilled machinist, was for a long time in charge of the United States Arsenal at Springfield. He died at the age of fifty-five years, leaving an estate valued at more than fifty thousand dollars. He was one of a committee who called on President Jackson, in 1833, to ask him not to remove the public deposits from the United States Bank, but met with a scathing rebuke from "Old Hickory," who told them very plainly to go home and attend each to his own business, his mind being already made up. Bingham, who was a farmer in Chaplin and Hampton, died at the age of threescore years, of consumption. Ezra Fisk married Mary Downing, a daughter of James Downing and a native of Brooklyn, Conn. Mr. Downing was a farmer by occupation and amassed considerable property, but was a heavy loser by the depreciation of continental money. Mrs. Fisk survived her husband a few years, living to the age of sixty, her death then being caused by a throat disease; and her body was laid to rest in the rural cemetery at Brookfield, Vt. Ten children were born to her and her husband, the sons and daughters being equally divided; and of these Dr. Fisk is the fourth child and the sole survivor of his family, having neither brother nor sister, neither uncle nor aunt, left.

Dr. Charles Lee Fisk, Sr., is a typical representative of the self-made men of our country, having begun at the age of ten years to contribute to his own support by driving an ox team for the mere pittance of ten cents a day, toiling until late and then making his supper on bean porridge. He subsequently attended the district school in the winter seasons; and, being very diligent, he made such progress in his studies that at the age of seventeen years he began to teach school, receiving six dollars per month. Two years later he bought his

time for one hundred dollars, and at the age of twenty-one had paid the debt and saved one hundred dollars, having been employed in teaching during the winter and in farm labor throughout the summer. In the autumn of 1825 he removed to Pittsburg, where he was engaged in teaching for three years, when failing health compelled him to resign his position. Placing himself under the care of an old-school physician, he was nearly killed by a too free use of calomel, but afterward regained his health by a judicious use of medicinal herbs. This experience caused him to study the nature of plants, and finally to take up the practice of botanical or eclectic medicines. Returning to Pittsburg he accepted the principalship of the high school at a salary of sixty dollars a month, ten times the amount he received in his first school. While in that city he began the study of medicine, and completed his course in Connecticut, being graduated from the Botanico-Medical Society, May 14, 1850.

Dr. Fisk began his professional career at Chaplin, afterward removing to Killingly, now Danielsonville, Conn., where he had at one time one hundred and fifty cases of small-pox and varioloid, fifty of them being malignant, which he battled with most successfully, losing but one case out of the whole. In March, 1853, he came to Greenfield, where during the many years of his activity he built up an exceptionally fine practice, his field of labor covering a wide territory. Though never a robust man, his wonderful energy and endurance enabled him to brave all kinds of weather when called to the bedside of the suffering by night or by day; and his success was as eminent as it was deserved. Dr. Fisk is a remarkably bright and intelligent man, bearing his burden of ninety-one years as lightly as many men a generation younger, and, but for

the loss of his eyesight some six years since, might yet be in active practice.

On December 20, 1828, five days prior to the anniversary of his birth, Dr. Fisk was united in marriage with Miss Emeline Moulton, of Chaplin, the ceremony being solemnized at the home of Parson Jared Andrews, of the Congregational church. The Doctor was at that time engaged in a mercantile business in company with his brother William, who subsequently died in Malden, Ill., in 1872, in the seventy-third year of his age, being one of the wealthy and influential citizens of that place. Two children blessed the union of the Doctor and his wife, the elder being Dr. Charles L. Fisk, Jr., of Greenfield, who is married and has three sons and one daughter. The younger child is Caroline, wife of Calvin L. Butler, of Greenfield; and she has two children, one son and one daughter, both of whom are now married. Mrs. Fisk passed to the higher existence May 2, 1890, aged eighty-one years, having lived in happy wedlock sixty-one years. On the day that marked the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage they celebrated no golden wedding, feeling that their union was for time and eternity. Its earthly period was one replete with joy and harmony, not even the Angel of Death crossing their threshold until it bore the devoted wife and affectionate mother to her eternal home.

For more than threescore and ten years has the Doctor been a member of the Masonic Order, having been initiated the evening of his twenty-first birthday into the Masonic Lodge of Lawrenceville, then a suburb, but now included within the limits of Pittsburg, Pa., an uncle of his being Master of the Lodge at that time. Dr. Fisk was made a Knight Templar a full half-century ago; he has served as Senior Warden, the highest office but one, of the Royal Arch Masons, and likewise oc-

cupied the same position in the Connecticut Valley Encampment of Knights Templars. Politically, the Doctor was in his earlier years a Jeffersonian Democrat; but, having a heart-felt sympathy for the oppressed, he joined the antislavery party, adopting for his motto that of the *Liberator*—a paper established in Boston, in 1831, by William Lloyd Garrison—"My country is the world, my countrymen are all mankind." He was a warm advocate of the views of that party, and, as "depot master" on the underground railway at Killingly, Conn., assisted many a poor refugee on his way to freedom. He became personally acquainted with many of the leaders of that cause; and a warm friendship sprung up between the Doctor and William Lloyd Garrison, at whose table he has dined.

Dr. Fisk has always stood high among those of position and influence wherever he has lived, and in the management of local affairs has been quite prominent, having served as Constable and as Justice of the Peace for years, and, while a resident of Connecticut, came within one vote of becoming a member of the State legislature. He has ever taken a deep interest in the cause of education; and he assisted in establishing the Danielsonville Academy, being one of the contributors to that enterprise, and later one of the examining committee when enrolling the corps of teachers. He was also one of the founders of the Eclectic College at Worcester, Mass. Dr. and Mrs. Fisk joined the Congregational church at Chaplin, Conn., and were among its leading members for some years; but, having taken a decided stand on the slavery question, he, with about twenty-five others, remonstrated with the church for communing with and allowing pro-slavery men to preach. The remonstrance being of no avail, they all withdrew from the church; and since that time the Doc-

tor has been classed as a Free Thinker. He has a taste for music, and a talent for literature which often finds expression in rural verse, as he terms it, and has produced many manuscript works, besides more than a hundred beautiful poems that have been printed, about thirty of them commemorative of his birthday, including one written on his ninetieth anniversary, which lack of space prevents us from publishing. It is pleasant to record that the gloom of loneliness and blindness besetting the worthy Doctor's declining years has been in great measure dissipated through the kind and judicious ministrations of his excellent housekeeper, Mrs. E. D. Chase, who not only manages his domestic affairs and has charge of his finances, but reads to him, conducts his correspondence, and dispenses medicines to the patrons that still call at his office for well-tested pills and potions. Mrs. Chase has been a widow for some years. Her maiden name was Cantrell, and she is a native of Deerfield.

GILBERT G. HILLIARD, who for over thirty years has been a resident and prominent farmer of Northfield, Mass., was born in Cornish, N.H., December 17, 1811, being a son of Amos A. and Sarah (Huggins) Hilliard, of that town. Amos A. Hilliard, having spent his boyhood and youth on his father's farm, on reaching his majority purchased a tract of timber land and at once began the work of clearing and getting the land into a state of cultivation. At first he made his home in a log house, but long after erected frame buildings, and still later on built the brick house in which he lived up to the time of his death, which occurred in his eighty-sixth year. His wife was Sarah Huggins, of Cornish, and they had six children, of whom but two are now living: Gilbert G.,

the principal subject of this sketch; and Sophia, who married Kimball Smith for her first husband and afterward a Mr. Martinsdale, and is now ninety-four years old. The mother died in Cornish at the age of eighty-two.

Gilbert G. Hilliard spent his early years on his father's farm in Cornish, N.H., where he was educated in the district school. As a boy he assisted in the task of clearing the farm, containing one hundred and fifty acres, which he became the owner of at his father's death, residing there up to 1858, when he sold it and came to Northfield Farms to the place where he now resides, a farm of about thirty acres, in connection with which he has another near by containing about forty acres. In 1833 he married Sophia Plastringe, the daughter of Caleb Plastringe, of Cornish, N.H., and to them six children have been born, namely: Ellen, who married Fordyce H. Smith, an employee of the Estey Organ Company of Brattleboro, Vt., and has a daughter Mabel and a son Gilbert H.; Sula, who married Marshall Stearns, of Northfield, and died at the age of thirty-six, leaving three daughters — Kate L., Eunice L., and Rosa M.; Sarah, who married Frederick Morgan; Freeman, who lives with his father on the farm and has been thrice married, his first wife being Isadore Wright, who died at the age of twenty-three, leaving one child, Fred W., his second wife Ellen Hayward, who died at the age of twenty-eight, and his present wife Sarah G., who is the mother of their daughter, Emma; Emma, who married George Merriam, of Greenfield, and died at the age of twenty-six, leaving one daughter, Florence; Ada, who first married Dr. Morgan, by whom she had one son, Carl, and afterward George Chamberlain, by whom she has one daughter, Marguerite. Mrs. Hilliard died in 1881, at the age of sixty-four.

Mr. Hilliard is a Democrat, and was for-

merly a member of the Baptist church, but later embraced the Methodist faith. He has served as Sunday-school superintendent and class leader, and is one of the prominent men of the church.

GAMALIEL D. GODDARD, son of George and Caroline F. (Wales) Goddard, is a native-born citizen of the town of Orange, where he is an important factor of the agricultural and business interests, owning a finely improved farm within its limits, and being extensively engaged in the manufacture and selling of lumber. He was born March 19, 1844, and is descended from worthy pioneer stock, his grandfather, John Goddard, having been an early settler of the place.

John Goddard was born and bred in Vermont. In early manhood coming to Orange, he was for many years one of its well-known citizens and very active in advancing its welfare. In 1794 he built a substantial house near North Orange; and this is now standing, in fairly good repair. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Forrester, bore him fourteen children, nine of whom grew to maturity; namely, Amos, Solomon, Lucinda, Augusta, John, David, Charles, Mary, and George. He was a very prosperous tiller of the soil, clearing a good farm before his death, which occurred while he was in the prime of a vigorous manhood, being but fifty-six years old. His wife survived him many years, living to the age of fourscore. He was a very large and powerful man, a veritable athlete, tall and well proportioned; and many stories of his wonderful strength are still told. His wife was also a woman of fine physique, and their children, naturally inheriting the physical characteristics of their parents, were stout and well built; and it is noted that the parents and

their nine children, at the time the youngest child was ten years of age, weighed two thousand and two hundred pounds.

George Goddard, son of John and Hannah F., was born in North Orange, November 2, 1811, and, being reared on a farm, was for many years engaged in agricultural pursuits. He purchased a tract of land in Orange, which he ably managed several years, and in addition carried on for some time a successful butchering business. He subsequently removed to Athol, where he took a contract for laying the rails on the Fitchburg railway, a business for which his great strength made him peculiarly adapted, he being able to lift three rails at a time. He next went to Indiana, and was there engaged in a like occupation for two years, when he returned to Athol to accept a position in a machine-shop. Three years later he purchased the old homestead, where he spent his remaining days, living to the ripe age of eighty-one years. His wife, Caroline F. Wales, attained the venerable age of fourscore and four years, passing to the bright world beyond in March, 1895. Six children were the fruitage of their union; namely, Lucinda, Augusta, Sumner, Emerance, Milly, and Gamaliel.

Gamaliel D. Goddard acquired a practical education in the North Orange schools, and first worked for wages in a furniture-shop at Tully. When very young he was one of the volunteers of the Civil War, having enlisted August 3, 1862, in Company F, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, in which he served bravely for a little more than a year. Returning to the duties of private life, Mr. Goddard resumed his position in the furniture-shop, remaining there eleven years. He then began investing his money in real estate, first buying the old Goddard homestead; and since that time he has bought and sold several

farms, and now owns about one hundred and fifty acres of land, one of his places being known as Wilbur Mill. In 1893 Mr. Goddard built a fine residence, one of the most comfortable and conveniently arranged of any in the vicinity. In September, 1888, he formed a partnership with F. P. Williams in the lumber business, and since that time has been prosperously engaged in buying wood lots, from which he has cut the timber, sawing it into lumber and marketing the same. His trade is very large, three hundred thousand feet a year being a small estimate of the amount.

Mr. Goddard was united in marriage in 1867, to Hattie P. Forrester, who was born in North Orange, November 2, 1844. Her father, Nathaniel Forrester, was born August 6, 1821, and is a well-to-do and respected farmer of North Orange. He married Frances Goddard, who was born in Boston, July 16, 1821; and they became the parents of three children: Fannie, Hattie, and Waldo. The home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Goddard has been cheered by the birth of three children: Gertrude, born November 28, 1868; Elliott, born August 7, 1870; and Albert, born September 16, 1872. In his political views Mr. Goddard is a stanch Republican, and has served his town with credit as Selectman. Socially, he is an esteemed member of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 17, and of North Orange Grange, No. 86.

ELISHA D. ALEXANDER, one of the prominent business men of Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., was born in the adjoining town of Leyden, July 21, 1818, son of Elisha B. and Mary (Brown) Alexander, the former a native of Colerain, the latter of Leyden. Solomon Alexander, father of Elisha B., was a native of Connecticut, and was

one of the early settlers of Colerain, where he cultivated a farm. He died at Leyden at an advanced age. He was twice married, his first wife bearing five children, and his second wife, who was also a native of Connecticut, and lived to be eighty-two years of age, bearing one son, Elisha B., above named.

Elisha B. Alexander was born and brought up in Leyden, owning a farm in that town, and was a veterinary surgeon of some note. In politics he was a Democrat. He belonged to the State militia, bearing the rank of Captain for some time, and receiving promotion to that of Colonel shortly before his resignation. He died in Shutesbury, at the age of eighty; and his wife lived to be eighty-five. They were both members of the Methodist church, in which he was class leader for years. They had eight children, six of whom are now living, namely: Almira, widow of Josiah Gates, in Leyden; Elisha D., our subject; Jerusha, widow of Edwin Gibbs, at Lock's Ponds, Shutesbury; Esther, widow of Peter Gates, in Bernardston; Nancy, widow of Stephen Brown, in Scott, N.Y.; William, residing in Leyden, on the old farm. Electa P., wife of William Babcock, died at the age of seventy-two; and Henry S. Alexander died at forty-six.

Elisha D. Alexander lived on his father's farm in Leyden until forty years of age. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade and also that of carriage-making. In 1865 he established himself at his present place of residence, where he shortly became busily engaged in conducting a farm, grist-mill and saw-mill conjointly, besides making use of the skill acquired in his youth in mending wagons and doing other mechanical work, keeping a general repair-shop. Mr. Alexander is a first-class business man, widely known in these parts as a dealer in flour, grain, wood,

lumber, and fertilizers. His post-office address is West Leyden.

On January 20, 1848, he was married to Maria F. Stewart, of Colerain, a sketch of whose family history will be found in the notice of her brother, Edmund B. Stewart, on another page. Mrs. and Mrs. Alexander had nine children, four of whom are deceased, namely: Orrin and Orise, twins, and Leroy and Linnia. The living are: Mary, wife of Albert Robertson, of Winooski, Vt.; Eva E., wife of George Mattison, of Colerain; Elisha L., who has a laundry in Springfield; Emma H., wife of Lewis G. Blodgett, of Greenfield; and Edmund S., who lives with his parents. He was born December 31, 1860, and went to work in his father's mill when a boy. In 1886 he bought the mills of his father, and now gives his whole attention to milling, turning out large quantities of lumber ready finished for building purposes, and carrying on an extensive trade in feed, which is manufactured at the grist-mill.

Elisha D. Alexander votes the Democratic ticket. He and his wife attend the Methodist Episcopal church, of which both are members; and they are among the oldest and most esteemed residents of the town. Mr. Alexander is a genial and whole-souled man, whom the cares of life have not soured or spoiled; and it is a pleasure to meet him in business or friendly relations.

HENRY C. HASKELL is a well-known and highly successful farmer of Deerfield, whose property extends along the river-bank, and occupies a very desirable location. He was born at Wendell, in the eastern part of Franklin County, on October 25, 1837; and his father, Nye Haskell, was also a native of that town, being a son of

Nathan Haskell, who moved there from Hardwick, Worcester County, Mass., and settled on a farm. The descent of Nathan Haskell from his first American ancestor, as gathered from the History of Hardwick, may here be briefly given, as follows: Roger Haskell, who was born in England, died in Beverly, Essex County, Mass., in 1637. His son Mark removed to Rochester, Plymouth County, in 1693, was Town Clerk there in 1697, and died in 1699. Mark's son Roger married Mary Swift, of Sandwich; and their son Ephraim bought land in Hardwick in 1773, which was occupied after his death, within less than a year, by his son Ephraim Haskell, Jr., who married Eunice Nye, of Rochester, and became the father of Nathan Haskell.

Nye Haskell was the youngest of the two children of Nathan and Lucy (Knowlton) Haskell, and he resided with his parents until their decease. He succeeded to the possession of the homestead in Wendell, but sold the property in 1840 or 1841, and then for a short time conducted the Lake Hotel, which he soon sold, and became interested in a stage line from Greenfield to Barre. He finally moved to Deerfield, where in 1842 he purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his son, which he improved to a considerable extent in the way of rebuilding, and here followed agricultural pursuits with the most prosperous results until his death, which occurred in 1860, at the age of fifty-four years. He married Esther Field, daughter of David Field; and their union was blessed with two children — Henry C. and John G., the latter being also a successful farmer of Deerfield. Mrs. Esther Field Haskell died at the home of her son Henry, aged sixty years. She was a descendant of Thomas Clarke, of whom an early historian of Plymouth says, "It is a well-received tradition that this ancient man

was the mate of the 'Mayflower' and the one who first landed on the island which bears his name." As a settler, Thomas Clarke arrived at Plymouth in the "Ann" in 1623. The question whether the latter was an officer of the "Mayflower" in 1620 is one which the genealogist, S. C. Clarke, who has compiled a record of some of his descendants, says "cannot now be settled with any certainty." Thomas Clarke appears to have been one of the leading men in the Plymouth Colony, being a deacon of the church from 1654 to 1697, when he died, at ninety-eight years of age. He was representative to the General Court in 1651 and 1655.

Henry C. Haskell received both a common-school and an academic education, and at home, assisting his father in carrying on the farm, was carefully trained in various branches of agriculture. After his father's death he purchased his brother's interest in the homestead property, consisting of about eighty acres, and has since carried on general farming with energy and ability, which has produced most satisfactory results, his place bearing evidence of judicious husbandry. He conducts a well-equipped dairy, for the maintenance of which he keeps a very fine herd of Jersey cows; and he also deals quite extensively in agricultural tools and implements, including Adriance Buckeye Mowers and Delaval Cream Separators.

In 1868 Mr. Haskell was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda McClellan, daughter of James McClellan, a prosperous farmer of Deerfield, who moved to this town from Colerain in 1840. Mr. Haskell is a Democrat in politics, and has always taken an active part in public affairs, having served as a Selectman for six years, three of which he has been Chairman of the Board, and Assessor two years; and, although his district is strongly Republican, he

was elected a Representative to the State legislature for the years 1887-88. He is of the liberal type in religion, and attends the Unitarian church.

AMOS L. AVERY, the oldest merchant and one of the leading citizens of Charlemont, where he was born April 6, 1831, is a business man of much prominence in the western part of Franklin County. His parents were Abner and Dorinda (Barnard) Avery. Several of his ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were of Connecticut birth.

His father's father, Amos Avery, was born and reared in Montville, Conn., and there in youth and early manhood engaged in agricultural pursuits. Coming to Franklin County, Massachusetts, when it was mostly a wilderness, he settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Haskins, and built a tannery, which he operated for many years; and in addition thereto he worked at the shoemaker's trade to some extent. He cleared and improved a good farm and raised fine stock, including some noted horses, of which he was a great lover, making a thorough study of their habits and their care, he being for many years the only veterinary surgeon in the vicinity. He was a man of great influence, active in all works for the public good, and served in many of the local offices. In politics he was a Whig.

He married Eunice Avery, a daughter of Oliver and Abigail (Sears) Avery, who was not a relation, although bearing the same surname. Her father was born on November 10, 1728, and died June 27, 1815, and was an original settler of the town of Charlemont, coming here when most of its territory was in its original wildness, and buying a large tract of land, which has since been divided

into seven good-sized farms. After building the typical pioneer log cabin, Oliver Avery went to Greenfield for his bride, returning with her in an ox cart. Early and late, with undiminished energy, he labored in felling trees and improving the land; and before many years comfort and prosperity smiled upon his efforts, his homestead being one of the best tilled and cared for in the locality. He replaced the original log structure by a substantially built frame house, which, although erected one hundred and fifteen years ago, is still in fine condition, and occupied by Deacon David Avery, a hale and hearty man, who was born there January 19, 1805. Captain Oliver Avery was an expert in the use of the rifle, and kept the family larder well supplied with game, having shot on or near his farm, in one year, thirty wolves, nineteen bears, sixty deer, and two moose. His wife was a faithful helpmeet, and spun the flax which they raised, weaving it and making it into clothing and bedding. Amos and Eunice (Avery) Avery reared fifteen children; namely, Azubah, Abner, Betsey, Charlotte, Rebecca, Eunice, Abigail, Louis, Freeloove, John, Abel, Oliver, David, Amos H., and Lucretia.

Abner Avery, their second child, was born March 19, 1786, on the old homestead, which he afterward bought. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors as regarded his politics, he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in his religious views was an Orthodox Congregationalist. Mr. Abner Avery spent his last years at Charlemont village, where his death occurred December 26, 1857. His first wife was Dorinda Barnard, of Shelburne, who was born September 24, 1787, and died October 24, 1833. His second wife was Sarah Dean. Of the two unions twelve children were born, the offspring of the first being William B., Rhoda A., Gardner F., Amanda

L. and Clarissa (twins), and Amos L., of whom we write; and of the second, Charlotte M., John D., Wales T., Sarah D., Prudence R., and Abner D.

Amos L. Avery began when a boy of fourteen years to work out as a farm laborer, afterward entering a factory, where he was engaged for five years in making scythe snaths. At the age of twenty-three he became a clerk for Mayhew & Avery. Later he entered the employ of J. H. Wells, in East Hampton, remaining there a year, and was then engaged five years in Bernardston with R. F. Newcomb in the old brick store. In 1861 Mr. Avery decided to establish himself in business, and accordingly came to Charlemont and rented from the Mayhew heirs the store he now owns, purchasing it on the 1st of April, 1868. Beginning his mercantile career in a very modest way, he has gradually increased his business, adding to its departments, and has been obliged to enlarge his original building and erect a new storehouse. Mr. Avery now has one of the finest-equipped stores of general merchandise to be found in this part of the State, carrying a stock including everything, apparently, that the most exacting customer can call for, from hardware to dry goods. Strictly honorable in his dealings, prudent in the management of his affairs, and giving close attention to his business, he has won the confidence and esteem of his patrons.

The union of Mr. Avery and Ellen R. Carter was celebrated June 7, 1859, and has been hallowed by the birth of one son, Oscar C., born September 15, 1860, now in business with his father. He married Henrietta M. Eldridge, and they have one child, Henry L. Mrs. Avery was born November 23, 1836, and is a daughter of M. T. and Rosina (Scott) Carter, respected residents of Hawley, where she was reared to womanhood.

OLON J. OLIVER is an excellent representative of the industrial interests of North Orange, being prosperously engaged in a mercantile dairy and blacksmithing business, and noted throughout this locality for his enterprise and practical ability. He was born June 21, 1845, in the town of Athol, Worcester County, his parents, Franklin and Emily (Woodward) Oliver, having been natives of the same place. His grandfather, Esquire James Oliver, was a direct descendant of the Olivers who emigrated from Scotland to the north of Ireland, and thence to America. Four brothers — John, Robert, William, and James — came to Massachusetts in the fall of 1735 or spring of 1736, staying for a short time in Hatfield, and thence going to Athol, and settling on Lyon's Hill. Robert, William, and James subsequently removed to other States, John alone remaining. His children were: Aaron, Jemima, Moses, Rachel, Hannah, Zirvah, Mary, Amara, John, Jr., Rachel, second, and Elizabeth. Aaron married, settled in Athol, and had the following children: Meribah, George, James, Caleb, Asaph, Mary, and Lucy, James, the third child, being the Esquire James Oliver above mentioned. This intelligent and influential citizen spent his entire life in Athol, where, having been bred to agricultural pursuits, he bought a farm pleasantly located on Lyon's Hill; and in addition to general husbandry he ran a distillery for many years. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Kendall, seven children were born; namely, Aaron, James, Cinda, Franklin, Lucinda, Thomas, and Nancy. He was also a civil engineer, and in that capacity assisted in surveying and laying out much of the land in that vicinity. A man of much general information and of sound sense, his opinion was highly

valued on the important questions of the day; and for a number of years he served as Justice of the Peace and as Deputy Sheriff. Politically, he was a staunch member of the old Whig party, and on the formation of the Republican party became identified with that.

Franklin Oliver was born March 24, 1810, and lived and died in the vicinity of his native place. He began his life career as a clerk for his brother, in a store of general merchandise, afterward working in a pail and tub factory. He then started in business for himself, running a store of general merchandise for several years, and buying timber lots at South Athol, where he also erected a saw-mill, and, clearing off the land, manufactured lumber, in which he was an extensive dealer, continuing in this occupation until his decease, in the eightieth year of his age. His wife Emily, a daughter of Bartholomew Woodward, a well-to-do farmer of Athol, died in the prime of life, being but fifty-four years old. She was an amiable and estimable Christian woman, and a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he likewise belonged. Their family consisted of eleven children; namely, Ozi, Sylvenus E., Otis, Franklin, Jr., Sally E., Franklin, second, Solon J., Orville O., Orrin O., Edd O., and Lilia E. Of these Franklin, the fourth child, died before the end of his second year; and Sylvenus died in Andersonville Prison, at the age of twenty-nine, having been captured by the Confederates at the battle of Cold Harbor. He was a private in the Massachusetts Volunteers, enlisting in 1861 with three other brothers, who remained in the army to the close of the war. The remaining nine children are all now living, all but one of them married and having families and children.

Solon J. Oliver was reared in the place of his nativity, and in its public schools obtained

a good education. His natural ability led him to select a mechanical occupation; and at the age of eighteen years he left the paternal roof-tree, coming to North Orange, where he secured work with the Furniture Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained for six years. At the expiration of that period Mr. Oliver, who was a young man of a good deal of push and energy, in connection with Mr. N. F. Blodgett, opened a blacksmith's shop; and at the death of Mr. Blodgett he bought out his interest in the same, and has since conducted it alone, having won the confidence and the patronage of hosts of people. His accumulations have been wisely invested. A few years since he bought the farm at North Orange known as the Captain Bishop place, adding to it by the purchase of other lands, making a farm of upward of eighty acres; and here he keeps a small dairy. In 1890 Mr. Oliver added to his other industries the business of a merchant, buying the Johnson store, where he carries a fine stock of general merchandise, well adapted to meet the wants of his numerous customers. A busier and more popular man in this section of the county it would be hard to find, he being Assistant Postmaster, and for three years was Tax Collector, besides attending to his private interests. In him the Prohibition party finds one of its most earnest advocates, and the A. P. A. Association, the Good Templars, and the North Orange Grange an esteemed and influential member, as does also the North Orange Co-operative Creamery Association. Religiously, he is a faithful member of the Congregational church, superintendent of its Sunday-school, and a worker of the Christian Endeavor Society.

In 1868 Mr. Oliver was united in marriage with Angela M. Putnam, who was born in North Orange, October 30, 1848, being one of

the five children of Joseph K. and Sophia B. (Bishop) Putnam. Mr. Putnam was a native of New Salem, but after his marriage settled in North Orange, where his death occurred, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. His wife survived him many years, living until seventy-two years old. Their children were: Jane, Julia (the first), Julia (the second), Angela, and George. The wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver has been made happy by the birth of four children, namely: George S., born September 8, 1870, now a resident of Boston; Walton F., born July 28, 1874; Arthur C., born September 23, 1882; and Urban M., born September 12, 1889.

WILLIAM E. KEITH, a young and progressive lawyer and highly respected citizen of Shelburne Falls, Mass., was born in Jackson, Me., August 28, 1871, son of Justin L. and Angeline (Craig) Keith and grandson of Samuel Stillman Keith. The latter was a native of Brooks, Me., where he successfully followed the healthful vocation of an agriculturist. He died in Jackson, Me., at eighty-five years of age. In political affiliation he was a Republican, and in olden times a Whig. Samuel Stillman Keith married Thankful N. Ellis, who bore him four sons and five daughters, as follows: Stillman, Isaiah, Justin L., William, Emily, Caroline, Sarah, Eliza, and Mary Elizabeth.

Justin L. Keith was born in Brooks, Me., in 1839, and spent his early youth there on his father's farm. At twelve years of age he went to Belfast, Me., where he was apprenticed to the trade of a shoemaker; and at the age of eighteen he carried on the business on a small scale for a short time at Dixmont, Me., doing the work by hand. Later on he

continued that business in Monroe, Me., from which place he went to Jackson, where, in connection with his trade, he engaged in agriculture, purchasing a farm of one hundred acres, on which he erected a large barn and finished other buildings, and remaining there sixteen years. In 1876 he moved to Stillwater, Me., and two years later engaged in business in Oldtown, Me. It was in the last-named place that he began to attract especial attention as the manufacturer of the Keith River Driving Boot, of which he was the originator. From a small beginning, with but one or two men, his business rapidly increased; and a factory was afterward erected, in order to meet the demands for his specialty. Still later, in 1893, his son Alford Justin being then in business with him, they gave up the hand work, and put in machinery; and in 1895 a stock company was formed, known as the Keith Shoe Company, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. They now employ about fifty hands, and are doing a very successful business. His wife, Angeline Craig Keith, was a daughter of William Craig. They are the parents of five children, namely: Alice J., the wife of Samuel Elmer, who lives in Buckland, Mass., and has two children — Blanche and Blaine Everett; Alford J. Keith, who is a graduate of the Maine State College, class of 1880, a civil engineer by profession, and who married Miss Hattie Ballard, by whom he has two children — Ballard and Marian — and is now in business with his father; Samuel S. Keith, who married Miss Eliza Clancy, and is engaged in the retail boot and shoe business in Bangor, Me.; Wilson P. Keith, who died in 1890, at twenty-two years of age; and William E. Keith. In politics the father is a Republican, and in religious views he is liberal.

William E. Keith received his early educa-

tion in the public schools of Oldtown, Me.; and later on he attended the Maine State College, where, like his older brother, Alford J., he took up civil engineering. He then studied medicine with Dr. Charles B. Porter, but afterward returned to college, and fitted for law, which he studied with Joseph F. Gould, of Oldtown, Me., Samuel T. Fields, of Shelburne Falls, Mass., and Peregrine White, of Bangor, Me. During his college days he taught the grammar school at Greatworks, Me., in 1889, and later, in 1891, the village school at Veazie, Me. During his college course he took an active interest in athletics, playing on the 'Varsity Base-ball Team five seasons in succession, captaining the same a part of the time. He was Captain of the Coburn Cadets of the military department connected with the college during his Senior year. William E. Keith was admitted to the Penobscot bar at Bangor, Me., in August, 1894, and to the Franklin County bar at Greenfield, Mass., in May, 1895. Mr. Keith commenced practice at Oldtown, Me.; and in April, 1895, he came to Shelburne Falls, where he is fast gaining a reputation. He has an office in the Bank Building on Bridge Street. Mr. Keith is a stanch Republican and an active man in his party. In religious belief he is a Universalist.

GEORGE ANDREWS COOKE, M.D., a young and popular physician and surgeon of Miller's Falls, Mass., is a native of New Britain, Conn., where he was born November 8, 1866, being the son of Frank Homer and Mary (Andrews) Cooke. David W. Cooke, Doctor Cooke's paternal grandfather, was a native of South Hadley, Mass. He followed the vocation of a contractor and builder in Worcester, and there gained

such a reputation for good workmanship that he was engaged on many of the finest buildings erected at that time, among which was the Asylum for the Insane, where he had full charge, being State Superintendent over all contractors in its erection. His last years were spent in Worcester, where he died, at the age of seventy-nine.

Frank Homer Cooke was born in Belcher-town, Mass. His special line of work was ornamental painting, in which he was very successful, and which he learned under the guidance of Major Stiles, of Worcester, one of the best decorative painters in that city. Mr. Cooke was engaged by the Worcester Car Company to do the frescoing on the inside of railway cars. Unhappily, the nature of his occupation shortened his days, his death at thirty-two years of age resulting from lead poisoning. His wife was Mary Andrews, the youngest daughter of Dr. John A. Andrews, of Worcester, who for sixty-three years has been engaged in successful practice. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont, which was formerly located at Woodstock, and also of Batavia College in Forsythe, Ga. The record of Dr. Andrews's children, of whom four are now living, is as follows: William is a farmer in Montague; John is a brass-moulder in Worcester; Orrin, the youngest son, who practised medicine in Wendell, Mass., for twenty years, died in that place in 1879; Melinda married Major Stiles, of Worcester; Mary is Mrs. Cooke, as above mentioned. Their father, the venerable Doctor, is still living in Worcester, being now, in 1895, ninety-three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Cooke reared two children: George Andrews; and Frank, who was educated at Becker's Business College in Worcester. Mrs. Cooke is a Unitarian, as was her husband.



GEORGE A. COOKE.

George Andrews Cooke was but eleven years old at the time of his father's death, after which he made his home with Major and Mrs. Stiles, the latter being his aunt. While he lived with them, he attended school in Worcester, and at the age of sixteen began the study of medicine under the guidance of Dr. J. A. Andrews, his maternal grandfather, with whom he continued two years, and then went to Marlboro, Mass., where for three years he studied with Dr. S. S. Shepherd. He next spent three years in the Long Island College Hospital, where he was taken with a seven months' illness. On his recovery Dr. Cooke went to Boston, and there engaged in regular practice in connection with Dr. F. F. Whittier, an eye specialist, in Tremont Temple. In addition to this Dr. Cooke had charge of the Ruggles Street Dispensary, was a member of the surgical staff of the North End Hospital on Charter Street, and also had visiting days at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Blackstone Square. The multiplicity of his duties and the amount of time he was obliged to devote to them (being frequently engaged from eight in the morning to eleven or twelve o'clock at night) soon told upon his strength; and, finding that his health was breaking down, he left Boston, and came to Miller's Falls, where he has had a constantly increasing practice, besides being often called to surrounding towns in consultation on serious medical cases, and also in cases where surgical skill is required, as he makes a specialty of surgery. He also has a special diploma for physical diagnosis. His office is on Main Street, opposite the O'Keefe Hotel, in the Amidon Block.

On September 9, 1889, Dr. George A. Cooke was married to Carrie E. Emerson, daughter of Parker F. Emerson, superintendent of a shoe and leather concern in Asheville, N.C., in which place the ceremony was

performed. She was born in Manchester, Mass., being one of four children, and was educated at the English High School of Marlboro, where her father was at one time superintendent of the Boyd & Corey Leather Company, the second largest in the world. Mrs. Cooke was a most lovable and beautiful young woman, a devout member of the Unitarian church; and her death, May 12, 1891, but three months after the completion of her husband's college course, was a severe bereavement to the young doctor, just starting on his life-work. On June 5, 1895, Dr. Cooke was married to Miss Lydia Cecil Bemis, of Worcester, Mass. Miss Bemis was born in Southboro, Mass.; but her parents now live in East Woodstock, Conn., her father being an extensive market gardener.

In politics Dr. Cooke is a Republican; and, socially, he belongs to the A. F. & A. M., being a Master Mason of Bay State Blue Lodge of Montague and a member of Franklin Royal Arch Chapter of Greenfield. Dr. Cooke is likewise a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society of Greenfield, and is medical examiner for the State Mutual Life Insurance Company of Worcester, the Greenfield Life Association of Greenfield, Mass., and railroad surgeon for the Fitchburg and New London & Northern Railroads. He is an attendant of the Unitarian church.

A faithful likeness of Dr. George A. will be found among the portraits that illustrate the present volume.

ILLIAM E. RYTHUR, who was a printer by trade and for some years a successful newspaper publisher in Brattleboro, Vt., spent the last forty-two years of his long and active life in his native town, Bernardston, Mass., where he died, August 1,

1893. He was born April 5, 1807, son of Gideon and Sylvia (Alexander) Ryther. His grandfather, David Ryther, who was of English descent, settled in Bernardston about 1740, buying a large tract of land, and building the house which is still known as the Ryther home. He was the father of twelve children, as follows: Hannah, David (first), Peter, Hophpi, Rebecca, Martha, David (second), Abigail, John, Anna, Elihu, and Gideon.

Gideon Ryther was born in Bernardston, November 28, 1768. He graduated from Dartmouth College about 1790, when twenty-two years of age, and then studied medicine with Dr. Prentice, of Northfield, Mass., after which he settled in Bernardston, where he resided till his death. Dr. Ryther was a successful physician, but not a good financier, being very moderate in his charges and too lenient in collecting fees to lay up for himself any great worldly treasure; but he left a fragrant memory for deeds of charity, and was rich in the blessings showered on him by the poor. Dr. Ryther married Sylvia Alexander, who was born in Northfield, Mass., November 16, 1764. They had a family of eight children, the youngest being William E., of the present sketch. The others were as follows: Alphae, born February 3, 1792; Martha, born October 3, 1793; Alexander, born August 1, 1795; Sophia, born March 12, 1797; Charles Jarvis, born February 26, 1799; Dwight L., born April 9, 1801; Sylvia A., born February 17, 1803. All are now deceased.

William E. Ryther was educated and grew to manhood in the town of Bernardston. At fourteen years of age he was apprenticed to Mr. Phelps, of Greenfield, to learn the printer's trade. Leaving Mr. Phelps, he worked two or three years at his trade in Springfield, Mass., but returned, and finished

his apprenticeship. He subsequently went to Brattleboro, Vt., and there became the publisher of the *Independent Inquirer*; and in September, 1834, in company with O. N. Platt, he became interested in the Vermont *Phoenix*, and later became the sole owner of that paper. In April, 1851, owing to death in the family and also to his own poor health, he sold the entire business to Mr. Platt, and returned to the old home in Bernardston. Here he cultivated his farm of seventy-five or more acres until his death, which occurred a little more than two years ago. Mr. Ryther was an industrious and worthy citizen, very successful both in the publishing business and in farming, and accumulated a fine property. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion he held to the liberal faith.

February 28, 1836, Mr. Ryther married his first wife, Delia P. Jewett, who was born June 2, 1810, and died November 5, 1855. She bore her husband seven children, only one of whom is now living, namely: George Holton Ryther, born April 20, 1852, now a lawyer of Boston. The other children were: William E., born September 18, 1837, who died December 16, 1838; William G., born September 6, 1839, who died June 5, 1840; Daniel Jewett, born June 5, 1841, who died September 28, 1865, a soldier in the Civil War; Frances E., born May 4, 1843, who died May 14, 1865; Dwight S., born November 5, 1845, who died December 3, 1847; and Charles S., born April 22, 1850, who died June 20, 1852. On June 7, 1859, Mr. Ryther married his second wife, Martha Clark, who was born in Dummerston, Vt., October 30, 1819, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Tenney) Clark. Her father, Thomas Clark, was born in Dummerston, July 20, 1777, and there spent his life. He was a practical farmer, also the owner of a slate quarry, and

was known as a man whose word was as good as his bond. He was a liberal in religion and a Republican in politics. He died November 24, 1865, aged eighty-eight years. His wife, Martha Tenney Clark, was born in Barre, Mass., August 5, 1785, and died October 31, 1840, aged fifty-five years. Mr. Clark was her second husband. By her first husband, Samuel Bond, born in Winchester, N.H., in August 28, 1783, and died in Walpole, N.H., March 9, 1809, she had two children; and of her union with Mr. Clark four children were born, two of whom are living, namely: Mrs. Ryther, who is the elder; and Eli Clark, who resides on the old homestead in Dummerston. Thomas Clark and Mary Clark Dutton are deceased.

The residence of Mrs. Martha Clark Ryther, which, notwithstanding its age, is a most comfortable home and in a fine state of preservation, is one of the old landmarks in Western Massachusetts to-day. Its fame has attracted visitors from near and from far, and for this reason: In 1812 a British refugee came to the Ryther homestead, and asked permission to remain for a time. With their accustomed hospitality the family made him welcome; and in return for their kindness he decorated the walls of the front room with paintings of fantastic designs. The walls were of a rough finish, which gave a better effect to the queer figures and pictures of old-time scenes — of ships, horses with quaintly dressed riders, and different kinds of fruit which he put upon them, no two figures being alike. One day, however, officers came, having traced the refugee to his retreat, handcuffed the unknown artist, and took him away; and nothing more was ever heard from him. But his paintings on the walls of this front room are still admired and preserved untouched as a relic in memory of "ye olden

time," the colors seeming to be as bright as when they were painted more than eighty years ago.

CHARLES H. SCOTT, a prominent and highly respected citizen of Rowe, Mass., was born in Halifax, Vt., February 23, 1840. He is a son of Thomas and Caroline (Grant) Scott and grandson of James and Clarissa (Smith) Scott. His great-grandparents, James and Sarah (Heale) Scott, who were of Scotch-Irish descent, came from Ashford, Conn., to Halifax, Vt., where they purchased a large tract of land, and were among the pioneer settlers of that town. James Scott, Sr., was an energetic farmer, succeeding in clearing a large portion of his land. His son James, who was born in Halifax, when he had grown to manhood purchased of him two hundred acres of land, and also successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. In politics James Scott, the elder, was a Whig, and took great interest in public affairs. He served as Captain of the State militia. He died at sixty-seven years of age, being long outlived by his wife, Clarissa Smith Scott, who reached the advanced age of ninety-one years. Their union was blessed by the birth of eleven children — Thomas, Henry, Jonas, Alson, Oshia, James, Clarissa, Martin, Horace, Lucy, and Sarah. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

Thomas Scott was born in Halifax, Vt., January 2, 1811. At the age of twenty-one years he engaged in the tannery business in his native town; and in 1841 he removed to Rowe, Franklin County, Mass., where he purchased the old tannery, and continued in that line of business for forty years with success. He also owned a small place, consisting of a house and barn and forty acres of land in the

village of Rowe, to which he retired when he went out of the tanning business; and here his last days were spent. In politics he was a Whig until the organization of the Republican party, which he afterward supported, rendering efficient service in various town offices, as that of Selectman, of Assessor, and of Overseer of the Poor, to which he was elected for several terms. He died at seventy-nine years of age; and his wife, Caroline Grant Scott, who was a daughter of Joshua and Melissa (Hinckley) Grant, died at eighty-seven years of age. Her parents were large landowners and successful farmers of Halifax, Vt. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott had the following children: Lyman, Charles H., Albert, S. Walter, and Carrie. Both parents belonged to the Baptist church.

Charles H. Scott received a good practical education in the schools of Rowe, Mass. He then assisted his father in the tanning business, in which he later purchased an interest. At the beginning of the Civil War he enlisted in Company C of the Thirty-first Massachusetts Regiment, under the command of Colonel Albert P. Goodwin, and took part in several prominent battles, among them that of Port Hudson, Red River, and the siege of Mobile. He received his honorable discharge on September 28, 1865, having served four years. On his return home he continued in the tannery business, in which he was engaged up to 1885; and since that year, in addition to carrying on a small farm which he owns in Rowe, he has devoted considerable time to selling monumental work.

On November 9, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie Hayward, daughter of Charles and Almira (Stacy) Hayward. Charles Hayward, who was born in Woodstock, Conn., son of Thomas and Sarah (Esterbrook) Hayward, his father being a successful

farmer of that place, was educated at Wilbraham Academy. He chose the ministry as a vocation, became a member of the New England Methodist Episcopal Conference, and began preaching at an early age. He continued in this profession a number of years, until failing health necessitated a change, when he retired to a large farm which he purchased in Gill, Mass. He was, however, frequently called upon to fill pulpit vacancies. He died at eighty-one years of age. His wife, Almira Stacy Hayward, was a daughter of Gilbert and Azubah (Field) Stacy, and their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Martha, Clarence, Lillie B., Ellen, Jennie, Charles, and Flora. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have one son — Edmund — born June 19, 1873, who lives with his parents.

Mr. Scott is a Republican, and has taken an active and prominent part in the affairs of his town, which he has faithfully and acceptably served in various offices, having been Town Clerk and Treasurer, Tax Collector, and a member of the School Committee; and for twenty-five years he has acted as Justice of the Peace. He is a member of the Arthur Miller Post, No. 93, Grand Army of the Republic, of Shelburne Falls. In religious views Mr. Scott and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

B FRANK SEVERANCE, an active and prosperous agriculturist of the town of Shelburne, is a fine representative of the native-born citizens of this part of Franklin County, his birth having occurred March 2, 1841, on the farm where he now resides. His parents were Lorenzo and Amanda C. (Stewart) Severance, both natives of Shelburne, his father having been born March 25, 1813, and his mother, November 17, 1809, on this same homestead. Mr.

Severance is of substantial English and Scotch ancestry. John Severance, an early immigrant to Massachusetts, a freeman in 1637, was one of the original proprietors of the town of Salisbury, in Essex County. He died in 1682. One of his sons, who also bore the name John, was born in 1647. John Severance, Jr., removed from Salisbury, Mass., some years after his marriage, to Suffield, Conn., and there, in October, 1682, was born his fourth child, Joseph. A few years later the family came to Franklin County, Mass., and for a few years made their home in Deerfield, where a daughter Abigail died in 1691. John Severance, Jr., did not remain permanently in Deerfield, but made another removal, leaving his land in that town to his son Joseph. This was about the year 1706.

Martin Severance, son of Joseph and Anna Severance and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born September 10, 1718, in Deerfield. After his marriage with Patience Fairfield, who was born in 1728, he settled in what is now Shelburne, being among the few white men to venture into the wilderness then known as Deerfield Pasture, or "North-west," coming here first in 1760, but being so harassed by the Indians that he went back to Deerfield, where he remained two years. He then returned to his land, and on it in 1775 built the house that is now owned and occupied by Samuel Bardwell. Martin Severance was a brave soldier of the French and Indian War, in which he was taken captive; and he also fought in the Revolution. He died at Shelburne Falls, April 10, 1810, nearly a year after the death of his wife, which occurred May 25, 1809. They had a family of twelve children, of whom Selah was the eleventh. Selah Severance was born September 26, 1771, at Shelburne Falls,

and was reared to a farmer's occupation. He formerly owned the farm now in the possession of O. and E. Bardwell; and on this farm he successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, October 8, 1832. His wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Putnam, was born October 24, 1780, in the town of Heath, and died May 30, 1854. Both were faithful and much esteemed members of the Congregational church, being people of sterling character.

Lorenzo was the eighth child of a family of thirteen born to Selah and Hannah (Putnam) Severance. He learned the trade of stonemason when a young man, and worked at that in connection with farming. In 1841 he settled on the farm now owned by his son, B. Frank, making it his abiding place until his decease, September 22, 1887. He was a man of good business ability, an untiring worker; and his labors were crowned with success. He was a strong Republican in politics, and, like his wife, a Congregationalist in religion. He married Amanda Charlotte Stewart, and they were the parents of six children, of whom two are now living, namely: B. Frank, of Shelburne; and his elder sister, Martha A., who was born May 3, 1839, and is the wife of Henry O. Draper, of Ware. The others may here be briefly named: Calvin C., born October 10, 1835, died March 27, 1836; Mrs. Mary E. Field, born May 3, 1837, died March 10, 1890; James H., born September 4, 1844, died February 15, 1846; and Herman L., born November 4, 1854, died February 10, 1855.

Mrs. Amanda C. Severance now makes her home with her son on the farm where her paternal grandfather, John Stewart, settled on October 19, 1773. Mrs. Severance is a lineal descendant of an earlier John Stewart (Stuart, as sometimes spelled), who was one of the first sixteen settlers of Londonderry, N.H.,

in 1719. In Morrison's History of Windham, N.H., he is spoken of as Charter John, or one of the original grantees of Londonderry; and interesting particulars are there given of the family history, from which we glean the following:—

“Robert Stewart (or Stuart) is said to have been of royal blood and a landed proprietor in Scotland. He is supposed to have been one of the Covenanters who took part in 1679 in the battle of Bothwell Bridge, subsequently fleeing to Londonderry, Ireland. At his death, about 1719, he left a widow and five children. His eldest son, John, the immigrant above named, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1682. The land originally assigned to him in New Hampshire consisted of sixty acres in what is now East Derry, near the meeting-house. In 1728 Charter John Stewart was one of the fourteen dissatisfied men to whom additional land was laid out in the Windham Range. This land furnished a home to his descendants for two generations. It was first occupied by his son John, who was born about 1715. John Stewart, the second of the name, became a prominent citizen of Windham, N.H., being invoice-taker in 1743, Selectman in 1745, surveyor in 1748, and tithing-man in 1747, 1758, 1759. He married Mrs. Rebecca Costa Patten, who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and who after her husband's death moved with her son John, the third, to Shelburne, Mass., where she died, at the age of ninety-five years.”

John Stewart, third, son of John and Rebecca (Costa) Stewart, was born September 22, 1743, at Windham, N.H., and came here a young man, being one of the first white settlers of the vicinity. He built a log house, and during the first years of his life in this locality was largely dependent on the game to be found in the woods for his subsistence.

On December 31, 1765, he was united in marriage with Rebecca Stewart, of Colerain; and they brought their household goods from Windham to Shelburne in an ox-team, traveling about eight miles a day, the wife riding on horseback. He was a man of prominence in the town, and served as Selectman in 1806 and in 1807. He died in 1815. John Stewart, fourth, was a babe of a few months old when his mother brought him in her arms on horseback to the home farm, where he afterward spent his life, an independent farmer. He died here in 1843, aged seventy years. He married Charlotte Flagg, a native of Brookfield; and they reared five children, one of them being Amanda Charlotte, now the widow of Lorenzo Severance.

B. Frank Severance was reared on the homestead, and acquired a good common-school education in his native town. Being early initiated into the details of agricultural arts, he has given his attention to farming, residing here his entire life, with the exception of three years spent in Colerain. The estate, which he now owns, contains eighty acres of productive land, and is well supplied with substantial and convenient buildings for carrying on his work. The farm is known as Spring Farm, being named from its springs of living water, eighteen in number. Mr. Severance makes a specialty of dairying, keeping twelve head of sleek-looking grade Jerseys, and finds this a very profitable branch of industry.

On Christmas Day, in the year 1875, Mr. Severance was united in marriage with Lizzie M. Kimball, who was born July 27, 1847, at Weathersfield, Vt., a daughter of Samuel and Electa (Morgan) Kimball. Her parents were natives of Weathersfield, and both born in the same year, 1804, the birthday of Mr. Kimball being June 6; and of Mrs. Kimball January

20. They both spent their lives in the place of their nativity, and in death, in 1877, were not long separated, she passing away March 21, and he April 22. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kimball were liberal in their religious views, and he was a stanch Republican in politics. Six children — four sons and two daughters — were born to them, of whom two, John and Mary, are deceased. The three brothers of Mrs. Severance are: Chauncey M., born June 24, 1831, living at Weathersfield; Daniel, born January 1, 1833, residing in Claremont, N.H.; Amos M., born February 27, 1836, living at Lake Geneva, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Severance have no children. Their home is pleasant and attractive; and they are highly esteemed in the community, being faithful members of the Congregational church. In politics Mr. Severance is a steadfast Republican.

BION N. PETERSON, an extensive land-owner and some time farmer of Heath, Franklin County, Mass., now occupying a position of responsibility in the United States Navy, was born in Colerain, October 19, 1857, and is a son of Jonathan and Chloe (Stratton) Peterson, former residents of that town, which joins Heath on the east. Mr. Peterson's paternal grandfather, Sylvanus Peterson, was a son of Jonathan Peterson, a native of Middleboro, Mass., who became one of the first settlers in the town of Colerain, where he figured prominently in public affairs, and died at the advanced age of ninety-one years. Sylvanus Peterson was born in Colerain, and succeeded to the possession of his father's farm, which he conducted for many years. He died at the age of seventy-nine years, having passed the latter portion of his life in retirement. He married Lavinia Call, who died, aged seventy; and

their children were as follows: Olive, Mary, Cynthia, Fanny, Rhoda, Louis, Jane, Charlotte, Nelson, John, George, Harlow, Jonathan, and another child, who died an infant.

Jonathan Peterson, son of Sylvanus and Lavinia, purchased in his early manhood one hundred acres of land in Colerain, which he later sold, and, moving to Heath, here bought a farm of two hundred and three acres. He followed agricultural pursuits successfully for several years, but finally retired from active labor, and is at present residing with his daughter in the State of Washington. He was a Republican in politics, and held the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for several terms. His wife, who died at the age of sixty years, was a daughter of Alvin and Loantha (Sherman) Stratton, her brothers and sisters being Philoe, Clark, Frank, Lydia, and Triphena. The parents were early settlers of Hardwick, Vt.; but somewhat late in life they removed to Colerain, Mass., and there passed the remainder of their days. They were in prosperous circumstances, owning and occupying a large farm. Mr. Stratton died at the age of sixty-seven, and his wife at seventy-six. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Peterson were named as follows: Loantha, Lavinia, Bion N., Arthur J., Nettie, Frank, Josie E., and John A.

Bion N. Peterson attended the common schools, and after the completion of his studies, when he was eighteen years of age, engaged in agricultural pursuits in the State of Connecticut for a period of one year. He then entered the employ of Luce Brothers, who ran steamers that were engaged in the menhaden fisheries, and remained with them six years, during which time he rose to the position of mate of what was known as the "Quick-step" steamer. Tiring of sea life, he

once more became engaged in farming; but two years later he received and accepted an appointment as pay clerk in the cadets' store at Annapolis, Md., which position he held for the succeeding three years. Returning to his native State in 1889, he settled at Heath, where he purchased the Clark farm, consisting of one hundred and seven acres. He also owns another farm, which lies in the immediate vicinity of his last purchase; and these he has continued to operate together, devoting his attention to general farming and dairying interests, also raising sheep, and dealing in live stock. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as a Selectman and a member of the School Board, and is at the present time a Justice of the Peace. He has recently obtained another position in the United States navy, and is now (September, 1895) stationed at the New York Navy Yard, in charge of the government stores on the receiving ship, "Vermont."

On November 27, 1881, Mr. Peterson was united in marriage to Cornelia Reynolds, daughter of William and Delia (Guirley) Reynolds, of Connecticut, the former of whom was for many years connected with the iron manufacturing industries. Mrs. Peterson's grandparents, Thomas and Mary (Mitchell) Reynolds, emigrated from England, and settled at Birmingham, Conn., where her grandfather became an iron manufacturer, and resided there until his decease, which occurred at the age of eighty years. His children were: Lucy, Thomas, Henry, and William. William was born at Fall River, Conn., adopted his father's business, and also erected several prominent iron manufactories. He finally sold his enterprises in the East, and became superintendent of the St. Louis Iron Works at St. Louis, Mo., from which position he retired some time since. His wife died at

the age of fifty-six years, leaving three children—Augustus, Jessie, and Cornelia. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have had three children: France, born August 13, 1888; Alice, born July 20, 1890; and Jonathan, born August 10, 1893.

HERBERT COLLINS PARSONS, associate editor of the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, was born at Northfield, Mass., January 15, 1862, his father, Albert C. Parsons, having been born in the same town, July 31, 1812. The birthplace of both father and son was the dwelling-house built by the grandfather, Jabez Parsons, who was born at Enfield, Conn., in 1777, and settled at Northfield, Mass., about the year 1798. He was a currier by trade, and established a tannery, which he carried on for some years, being at length disabled through loss of eyesight, from which he never recovered, his blindness extending over a period of forty years. He died in February, 1876, aged nearly ninety-four years. His wife, Lovicy Prior, of Enfield, was the mother of five children, four of whom grew to maturity.

Albert C. Parsons married for his first wife Hannah Stevens, of Warwick, who became the mother of four children, two of whom lived to reach maturity; and one is now living, Albert Stevens Parsons, of Lexington, Mass., treasurer of the Cambridgeport Diary Company. His first wife having died in 1855, Mr. A. C. Parsons wedded for his second wife, in 1858, Mrs. Susan E. Lane Beach, widow of Joseph Beach and daughter of James Lane, of Alabama, a circuit judge, who was a lineal descendant of Ralph Lane, one of the founders of the Jamestown Colony, Virginia, in 1609. Susan E. Lane was born in Greenville, Ala., August 1, 1822, and married her first husband, Joseph Beach, at Charleston, S.C., accom-

panying him to his home in Northfield, Mass., where he died. Mr. Albert C. Parsons, at the age of eighty-three years a well-preserved and active old gentleman, now retired from mercantile business, which he followed for fifteen years previous to 1885, still resides at the farm in Northfield that he inherited from his father. He has been prominent in the local town government, and was conspicuous as an anti-slavery worker in the early days of the abolition movement. He became a Republican with the formation of that party, but in 1884 joined the Prohibition party. He has been a Selectman, a member of the legislature in 1861, of the Senate in 1865, and has been a candidate on the Prohibition ticket for the same position. He is one of the oldest members of the Unitarian church in Northfield, and was at one time President of the Connecticut Valley Conference of that denomination.

Herbert Collins Parsons is the younger of two children born to his parents, Albert C. and Susan E. (Lane) Parsons, and the only survivor, his sister, Mary Lane Parsons, a cultivated and accomplished young lady, a fine pianist, having died in 1890, at the age of thirty years, a short time after the death of their mother. After attending the public schools until reaching the age of nine years, young Parsons completed his education at a private school, and at the age of fifteen years became a salesman in his father's store, of which he became proprietor in 1885. He came to Greenfield in 1889, and entered the office of the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier* as associate editor.

On June 30, 1891, Mr. Herbert C. Parsons wedded Miss Charlotte C. Severance, daughter of the late P. P. Severance, whose widow, Harriet (Converse) Severance, is a resident of Greenfield. Mr. Severance left four children — three by his first wife — his daughter Char-

lotte having been the only child of his second marriage. He was a farmer during his active years, and was a life-long resident of Greenfield, where he took a prominent part in local public affairs.

Mr. Parsons has always been a Republican in politics, and while a resident of Northfield was chairman of the School Board. He is chairman of the Republican Committee of Greenfield, has several times served as delegate to the State Convention, and in 1888 he was a candidate for representative to the legislature, but was defeated, the district being strongly Democratic. He is Secretary of the Greenfield Club, a Master Mason, and a member of the Unitarian church. As well befits the editor of a local paper and a scion of ancient and worthy stock, he is particularly interested in historical subjects, and is one of the counsellors of the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have lost their only child, a son, who died in infancy.

GEORGE C. ADAMS, who carries on a dairy and general farming business at Greenfield, Mass., was born in this town, January 16, 1829, on the farm where he now resides. He is the son of George Allen and his wife, Mary Wells Parmenter Allen, and a lineal descendant of William Adams, who was born in England, February 3, 1594, three full centuries ago, and came to Massachusetts early in the Colonial period. Andrew Adams, grandfather of George C., was of the sixth generation from William, the four intervening being represented by Samuel, Nathaniel, Samuel, and John, in the order here given.

Andrew Adams, son of John, was born in Sutton, now Northbridge, Mass., November 7, 1759, and came to Franklin County when

Greenfield and its surroundings was one vast wilderness, the abode of Indians and game, with here and there a white settler. Wild turkeys were abundant in those days, and many a bountiful feast did they furnish to the inmates of the little log house which Andrew Adams had constructed with the help of his good axe. He was a hard-working man and successful in what he undertook. His wife was a Congregationalist, and he an attendant of that church. In politics he was a Whig. He died in the house where George C. Adams now resides, June 30, 1822, at about sixty-two years of age; and his wife, Betsy (Chapin) Adams, died January 3, 1846, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He had four children by his first wife: Nahum, a Major in the War of 1812; George, a farmer and lumberman; Eliza, who became the wife of B. Newton; and Peleg, a farmer.

George Adams was born in Pawtuxet, R.I., and his wife, Mary, in Gill, Franklin County. He grew to manhood and spent all the days of his active life in Greenfield. Like his father, he was a hard worker, and won a fair degree of success in his business of lumberman and stock dealer, and owned the farm which is now occupied by his son, George C. Adams. It was considered a very good farm, and contained two hundred and twenty-five acres, most of the buildings on which were constructed by him or his father. He was prominent in the affairs of his town, and at various times filled the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, and also settled a large number of estates. In religion he was liberal. In politics he was a Whig and Republican. He died on the old farm at the age of sixty-five years, but his wife lived to the age of eighty-five. They had three children, two of whom are now living: the eldest child, Mary Wells, died March 31, 1853, aged twenty-

seven; the next was George C. Adams; Sophia, the youngest, is the wife of John W. Thompson, of Greenfield.

George C. Adams attended the schools of Greenfield, and later the high school and academy of Bernardston. Arriving at man's estate, he chose for himself the line of business at which his father and grandfather had been so successful — that of farmer. In addition to his general farming, he has until recently carried on a dairy, and sold milk at Turner's Falls and Greenfield. On November 24, 1859, he was united in the bonds of wedlock to Mary Aurelia Parmenter, who was born in West Troy, N.Y., June 1, 1838, daughter of Flaviel and Betsey (Davis) Parmenter.

Mr. Parmenter was born in the town of Gill, Franklin County, Mass., and his wife in Savoy, Berkshire County. He was a machinist and a good business man. At Troy he was engaged in the manufacture of gun-carriages for the United States government, and also in iron roofing and other government work. His first wife having died, he was again married to Angeline Davis, who was a sister of his first wife, and who died at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Parmenter had seven children — two by his first wife and five by his second — and three are now living: Mary A., the eldest, is the wife of George C. Adams; Miss Florie Isabella now resides in Orange, Mass.; and Angeline Roxana married Mr. Lowe Cary, and resides in Indianapolis, Ind. William H. and two others died in infancy, and George T. died at two and one-half years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Parmenter were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in politics he was a Republican.

George C. Adams and wife still reside on the old farm, which must be fruitful of many pleasant and tender recollections to Mr. Adams as he thinks of the days of his boy-

hood, and remembers that here his father and grandfather spent the greater part of their lives. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have reared four children. Frederick G., the only son, married Ellen Hartney. They live in Greenfield, and have two children—Francis Parmenter and Charles Frederick. Angeline E., the eldest daughter, resides with her parents. Nellie S. became the wife of Dana E. Wiswall, and resides in Turner's Falls. They have had two children, of whom Ethel May, the elder, died at three years of age; and Elsie E. is the only living child. Carrie M. Adams, the youngest daughter, resides with her parents at the old homestead. George C. Adams and his wife are members of the Congregational church at Turner's Falls, and are highly respected and esteemed by their many acquaintances. Mr. Adams has always belonged to the Republican party in politics.

ALFRED A. PARKER, a loyal American citizen, who fought for the Union in the Civil War, now a retired merchant living at Orange, Franklin County, is a native of Massachusetts, having been born in New Boston, then a part of the town of Winchendon, and is a worthy descendant of honored Revolutionary patriots, the family being of substantial English stock. Its earliest representative in America was Thomas Parker, who, with his wife, Amy, came from London in the "Susan and Ellen" in 1635, and settled in the town of Reading, Middlesex County, Mass., where he became one of the influential citizens, holding the office of Selectman and Deacon of the church, and assisting in the pioneer labor of building up the now thriving town.

Amos Parker, the great-grandfather of the subject of this brief record, was a son of An-

drew, grandson of John, and great-grandson of Hananiah, who was the second son of Deacon Thomas Parker, the immigrant. Amos was for some years a farmer in Lexington, but subsequently removed to Holden, Mass., in 1745, and later to Shrewsbury, where he and his wife passed their remaining years. They were noted for charity and piety, and belonged to the Congregational church. They reared seven sons and one or two daughters; and six of the sons, it is said, served in the Revolution.

Nahum, the sixth son of Amos, was born March 4, 1760, at Shrewsbury, and when a youth of sixteen years enlisted in the Continental Army, and served throughout the war, being present at the surrender of General Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777, and late in life drawing a pension. He settled at Gerry, now Phillipston, Worcester County, where he lived until 1786, when he removed to Fitzwilliam, N.H. Although his early educational advantages were very limited, he became interested in reading instructive books through his mother's influence, and gradually obtained a superior education by his own efforts. He had great native ability, with much force of character, and, being very public-spirited, was kept almost continuously in town or county office, being Selectman and Moderator many years, Representative for two years, likewise a Counsellor and a member of the State Senate, of which he was chosen President; and for a score of years he served as judge of the Court of Common Pleas. In 1806 he was chosen by the legislature United States Senator. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Deeth, rounded out a full period of years, and were the parents of nine children: Hannah, Austin, Maria, Amos, Ephraim, Nahum, Selina, Almon, and Sidney.

Ephraim Parker, familiarly known as Captain Parker, the next in the line now being considered, of the State militia, was born August 18, 1793, at Fitzwilliam, N.H., and completed his education at the New Salem Academy, in this county. He was a millwright by trade, and, being quite a mechanical genius, made many inventions, some of which are in use to-day. He built mills at New Boston, from which place he removed to Fitzwilliam, where, in addition to milling, he served as Deputy Sheriff and Selectman for several years. After owning and operating mills at Ashby, Mass., and other places, he bought the patent right of the Woodruff planing-machine, which he took to Richmond, Va., it being the first planing-mill in the South. He next went to Rock Island, Ill., where he lived a short time, returning thence to Massachusetts, where he purchased the land and mills on the south side of the river in Orange, the former being now occupied by the New Home Sewing-machine Company plant. Disposing of that property, he then bought a cotton factory at Athol, and, at once becoming identified with the local interests, was largely instrumental in getting the Vermont & Massachusetts Railway through that town. On December 7, 1816, he married Lucy Stone, who was born June 3, 1795, a daughter of Captain David and Ruth (Miller) Stone, and who died while they were living in Rock Island, Ill., in 1852. He survived nearly thirty years longer, dying from the effects of a paralytic stroke while visiting his son in Orange, October 24, 1880. He was a man of marked ability and enterprise, and always lived somewhat in advance of his generation. The names of the children born to his household were as follows: Julia S., Alfred A., Edward N., Horace M., Eliza A., Charles A., and Jannette F.

Alfred A. Parker received his elementary education in the common schools of Fitzwilliam, N.H., completing his schooling at the academy in Jaffrey, N.H. When sixteen years old, he went West with his father, and, being favorably impressed with the country, concluded to remain for a while. While in search of employment, he drifted down to St. Louis, Mo., where he finally secured work, being taken on trial as clerk for Nathaniel Phillips in a music store, and gave such satisfaction that he remained three years, when, wishing to visit his home friends, he sent for his brother to take his place. While at home, he assisted as superintendent of the Athol cotton-mill, and also attended the Leicester Academy for a year and a half. Returning then to St. Louis, Mr. Parker opened a store for the sale of gentlemen's furnishing goods, his reputation for business tact and ability having been previously so well established that he had no trouble in securing financial assistance. At the end of six years he had secured a competency; and, being burned out soon after, he took his insurance money, and at once erected a substantial, three-story brick building, which is still standing, and there continued his mercantile business. Subsequently selling out to his brother, he embarked in a wholesale dry-goods business, which he carried on successfully until the breaking out of the late Rebellion, when he disposed of it, and, sending his wife and family East, he enlisted as a soldier in the State militia of Missouri, being at first under the command of General Frank Blair, and later under General Lyon. He served until the close of the war, participating in many of the more important battles in the South-west. Returning to his family in Massachusetts, Mr. Parker formed a partnership with George Whipple, and for three years was engaged in

mercantile business in Orange. Disposing of his interest in that store, he subsequently opened a stove and tinware shop; and by steady application and good judgment he secured an extensive trade in the town and surrounding country, continuing at the old stand nearly twenty-five years. He is now enjoying his well-earned retirement with his family at his pleasant home on Grove Street.

Mr. Parker was united in marriage March 30, 1857, with Miss Frances A. Whipple, who was born in Athol, September 19, 1834, and died November 6, 1891, being a daughter of John R. and Martha (Holbrook) Whipple. Four children—two sons and two daughters—were born to Mr. and Mrs. Parker. The daughters, Mary P. and Martha F., are now living. Alfred W., born January 2, 1859, died December 17, 1887. John R., born September 9, 1861, died December 9, 1889. Mr. Parker is a man of strong convictions, a stanch Republican in politics, and liberal in his religious views. Mrs. Parker, whose death was a loss to the community, as well as to her immediate family, was a consistent and esteemed member of the Congregational church in Orange.

MRS. ISABELLA RUSSELL, a much respected resident of Greenfield, widow of the late Francis B. Russell, is a daughter of Henry W. and Ann C. (Hilliard) Clapp. Her father was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1792, and was the eldest son of Parsons Clapp, who was born in 1772, and was married in 1796 to Phebe Wells, a memoir of whose father, Henry Wells, will be found appended to this sketch. Parsons Clapp was a resident of Springfield, and a man of some local fame, being Deputy Sheriff of the county. After some years' resi-

dence in Springfield he moved to Montague, and later to Wilmington, where he died February 27, 1854. Henry Wells Clapp was married to his first wife, Eliza Baldwin, in 1823, and to his second, Ann C. Hilliard, of New York City, on June 2, 1833. The latter, who was born October 5, 1807, was a daughter of Robert Bell and Sophia (Crane) Hilliard, her father's parents being Nicholas and Jane Bell Hilliard, and her mother's William and Ann Pennington Crane.

Henry Wells Clapp was a goldsmith, and conducted a successful business in New York City for many years, being a member of the firm of Palmer & Clapp, who commenced business on Reed Street, New York, in 1820. Retiring from the firm in 1835, he settled in Greenfield, at the corner of Main and High Streets, where he owned a large property. He became interested in real estate, and laid out Franklin Street—on which his daughter, Mrs. Russell, now resides—besides engaging in other enterprises. He was a large stockholder in the Russell Cutlery Company, was President of the Connecticut Railroad, the Franklin County Agricultural Society, the Greenfield Bank, Franklin Savings Institution, Greenfield Cemetery Association, and the Gas Company, and was always ready to support with financial aid and practical business ability any well-concerted enterprises that promised to be of benefit to the community. He was a prominent member of the Episcopal church, and gave liberally toward the erection of St. James's Chapel. He was a man of literary and artistic tastes, possessing a good knowledge of ancient and modern history, general English literature, and much genealogical information. He combined justice with charity, and gave freely of his wealth, always using, however, a wise discrimination. His death occurred in Green-

field on March 17, 1869. He had five children by his first wife, all of whom reached maturity, and became heads of as many respective families.

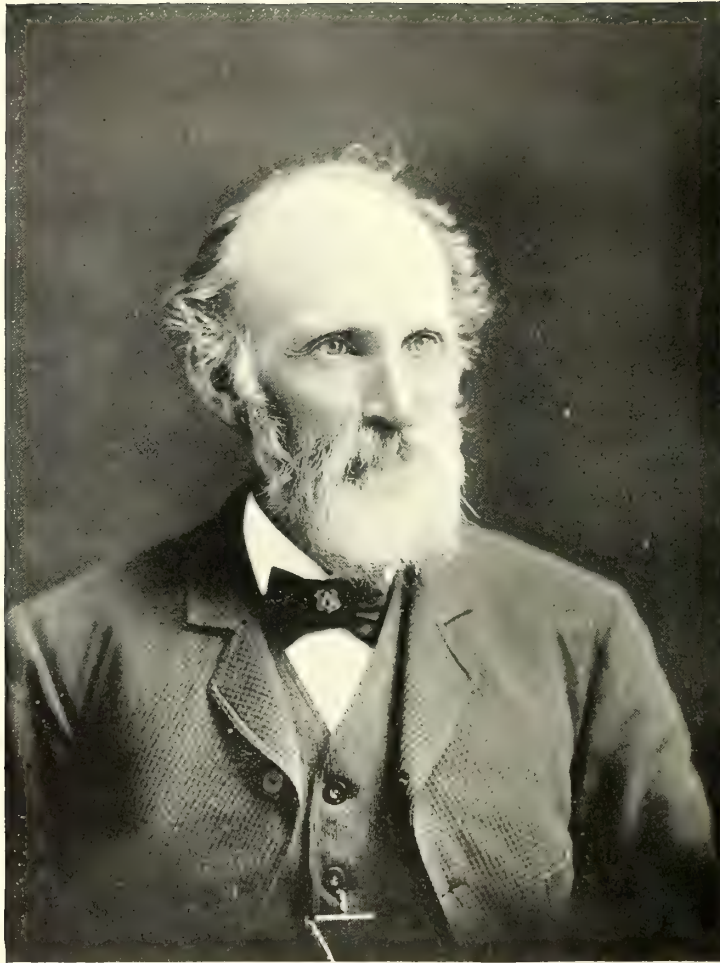
His daughter Isabella, Mrs. Russell, was educated in Miss Stone's school at Greenfield, and also attended Bent's private school in Worcester, Mass. Her marriage to Francis Burg Russell, son of John Russell, occurred July 15, 1863. Mr. Russell died July 4, 1870, he and his wife having been the parents of three children, two sons dying in infancy. The surviving child is a daughter, Kate Denison Russell, who resides with her mother. Mrs. Russell is a communicant of the Episcopal church in Greenfield, where she has passed most of her life. She is a lady highly esteemed in the community, and has many friends in Greenfield and elsewhere.

HENRY WELLS, third son of Obadiah and Mary (Conkling) Wells, was born at what is now known as Union, Essex County, N.J., June 14, 1742, and resided in New York City for a period of twenty years from 1746. He entered Nassau Hall, or the College of New Jersey, at an early age, and obtained his bachelor's degree at the age of fifteen, an uncle, who was five years his senior, having been a member of his class, together with Nicholas Baird, of New York, and Peter Faneuil, of Boston. He studied medicine with Dr. Hull at New Haven, and in 1760 received the degree of A.M. from Yale College. On May 26, 1764, he married Hannah Stout, who was born in New York on February 19, 1747; and their married life extended over a period of nearly half a century. In 1757 he moved to the then wilderness of Vermont, being one of the twenty-three original patentees of the town of Brattleboro, the

tract of land which he improved consisting of one thousand acres. There upon the brow of a hill, where the cemetery is now located, was erected the first church in that vicinity. Mr. Wells built a substantial frame dwelling, which stood for more than one hundred years, and in which he resided for a considerable period, conducting a large medical practice among the early settlers. Although his time was much occupied in professional labor, he found opportunities to serve in various public offices; and his name appears upon an original covenant, second among the seventy-nine signatures, a document written upon parchment, which is still preserved at Brattleboro, Vt., it having been executed on November 12, 1770.

Seven children were born to him previous to 1781, when he relinquished his estate, which had cost him so much time and patient sacrifice to improve, and removed to Montague, Mass., then a quiet agricultural town, where he won a wide reputation as a physician, his practice extending far beyond the local boundaries; and he frequently received calls from Boston, Albany, and distant parts of New England. During the epidemic that occurred at Greenfield in 1802 he rendered such distinguished service as to receive the recognition of Dartmouth College, and he realized a handsome fortune from his professional work. He was noted for his upright walk in life, his genial disposition, noble generosity, and kind consideration for the poor and needy, whom he was ever willing to assist both professionally and financially. His useful and honorable career was brought to a close on May 24, 1814, at the age of seventy-two years, his estate continuing in the family's possession for over eighty years.

Phebe Wells, third daughter of Dr. Wells, born at Brattleboro, October 28, 1777, was united in marriage on November 13, 1796, to



CHESTER W. SEVERANCE.

Parsons Clapp, a son of Daniel and Abigail (Root) Clapp. Parsons Clapp was a farmer and a mechanic, who suffered from feeble health, and in middle life was crippled by an accident, but whose latter years were made comfortable by the thoughtful care of his children. The eldest son, Henry Wells Clapp, devoted his wealth unstintingly to the special object of bringing happiness to his parents' declining years. Mr. and Mrs. Parsons Clapp reared a family of ten children — six sons and four daughters.

CHESTER WELLS SEVERANCE, a highly intelligent farmer and representative citizen of Leyden, Franklin County, was born here, February 27, 1831, son of Chester and Martha Smith (Nash) Severance. Chester Severance, who was a son of Matthew Severance, the date of his birth being April 20, 1799, was also a native of Leyden, where, after he had grown to manhood, he was successfully engaged in the varied occupations of farmer, tanner, and shoemaker. His wife, Martha Smith (Nash) Severance, was a native of Greenfield; and her birth occurred March 31, 1793. Their union was blessed by the advent of three sons and four daughters, six of whom reached adult life, and four are now living, namely: Adeliza, born May 5, 1823, the wife of John Thayer, of Rochester, N.Y.; William S., born March 24, 1829, a successful physician of Greenfield, Mass.; Chester W.; and Charles Earl, born August 27, 1833, a skilful medical practitioner of Brattleboro, Vt. The others were: Martha, born October 7, 1826, died August 23, 1828; Mary M., born October 20, 1824, died September 20, 1871; Helen, born February 13, 1840, died October 14, 1865. Chester Severance, the father,

died December 3, 1884, having outlived his wife nearly a quarter of a century, her death having occurred October 29, 1860. In religious views Mr. Severance was a Methodist, and in politics a staunch supporter of Republican principles from the formation of the party. He faithfully served his town as Selectman several years and in other offices.

Chester Wells Severance received his early education in the district schools of Leyden, which was supplemented in the academies of Bernardston and Shelburne Falls. At seventeen years of age he began teaching school, which occupation he followed for several years in Leyden and vicinity. He then conducted the Union Store at Leyden for a year. Up to this time he had made his home with his parents. He now took up the vocation of a farmer, and established a home for himself, buying in 1852 a farm of one hundred and fifteen acres, where he still lives, having added to it by subsequent purchase, so that it now comprises about two hundred and fifty acres. His land and buildings are in good condition; and he is successfully engaged in general farming, being energetic and a good business manager.

On November 25, 1857, Mr. Severance was married to Miss Catherine M. Wilkins, who was born February 10, 1840, youngest child of Dr. Willard A. and Laura (Stone) Wilkins, the former of whom was a native of Guilford, Vt., and a successful physician. Dr. Wilkins died at the early age of thirty-nine years; but his wife, who again married, lived to be eighty-three years of age. They had three children: Joseph S., born September 12, 1831, died October 22, 1831; Daniel G., who was born December 25, 1832, and died December 5, 1880, was a druggist in Boston; and Catherine M. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Severance, of whom four

are still living: Lillian L., born September 20, 1860; Willard W., born July 30, 1862; Etta May, born May 17, 1865; and Chester Gilbert, born September 29, 1869; Kate F., born October 17, 1858, died August 28, 1878; a child born May 27, 1864, died in infancy; Ulysses Grant, born December 15, 1867, died March 10, 1868; and George H., who was born February 2, 1873, died January 21, 1876.

Mr. Severance is prominent in local public affairs, and has frequently been called upon to hold offices of responsibility and trust; for thirty years he has served on the school committee, and for sixteen years as Selectman. He has also most acceptably filled the offices of Constable and Collector, as well as other positions. At the present time he is Trustee of the library. He is a member of Republican Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Greenfield.

Mr. Severance, being endowed with musical talent, which he has cultivated to a considerable extent, has been engaged as a teacher of both instrumental and vocal music, and since he was seventeen years of age has led the choir of the Leyden Union Church.

On an accompanying page will be found a portrait of this worthy scion of ancient Colonial stock, whose genealogy is further treated in sketches of other members of the family.

ALFRED SCHOFF, proprietor and manager of the Mansion House at Greenfield, Mass., is a genial, energetic, and keen-sighted business man, who in his character of host has won the respect and esteem of a large number of patrons. He was born in Newton, Middlesex County, Mass., November 8, 1851, and is a son of Stephen A. Schoff, a native of Newburyport, Mass., but now a resident of Greenfield, making his home at the Mansion House.

Stephen A. Schoff was gifted by nature with a taste for art, and when but thirteen years of age, in 1831, left his ancestral home, in order to cultivate his talent in that direction. Going to Boston, he apprenticed himself to Joseph Andrews, who was the leading line engraver of that time in this country. In order to attain greater proficiency in line engraving, when about twenty years old, Mr. Schoff went to Paris, shipping before the mast as a common sailor, to defray the expenses of the voyage. After studying there three years, he returned to his native land, and opened an office in Boston, where he soon earned an enviable reputation for artistic work, and won many friends, among the more valued being the late William Morris Hunt, whose favorite picture, "The Bathers," he was engaged by Mr. John A. Lowell to reproduce in the finest style of his art some time after the death of the painter. Mr. Schoff engraved the Ralph Waldo Emerson portrait by Rouse, and for the past five years has done the engraving for the New England Insurance Company's calendars. He has given much attention to bank-note work, and stands very high in his profession, his portraits and vignettes being considered among the very best produced, some of the heads, "for delicacy, taste, and excellence of execution, being almost unequalled in this branch of art." In 1845 he married Josephine Hastings, of Stow, Mass., and for some forty years thereafter resided in Newton, where were reared the five children briefly mentioned below: A. H. Schoff, a woollen commission merchant in New York City, is senior member of the firm of A. H. Schoff & Co.; Frederick, a manufacturer of machinery, lives in Philadelphia; Alfred, in Greenfield; John I. died at the age of nine years; and Gertrude lived on earth but six years. The mother of these

children passed to the higher life January 18, 1882, and was laid to rest in the Newton cemetery.

Alfred Schoff was educated in the schools of his native town, being graduated from the Newton High School in the month of January, 1870, and studied drawing with Charles H. Moore, now a professor at Harvard College. After engaging in the woollen commission business for a time, Mr. Schoff began his career in the hotel business, buying a part interest in the Kearsarge House at North Conway, N.H., in January, 1884. Subsequently he bought the entire property, and carried it on for five years, when he rented it, and came to Greenfield to take possession of the Mansion House, which had also been under his management for two years, he having leased it in January, 1886. This house is one of the leading hotels of the town, and under the control of Mr. Schoff has a reputation for comfort and good cheer that attract the best class of the travelling public.

Mr. Schoff was married October 2, 1873, to Mary E. Keyes, a daughter of H. L. and Clara (Woodman) Keyes, of Newton. After a happy wedded life of a little less than seven years Mrs. Mary E. Schoff died, April 10, 1880, leaving two children, namely: Bertha, now an accomplished young lady of twenty years, already well versed in music, having studied it for fourteen years, and for four years been a successful teacher, but still pursuing the study of the art in Boston; and Olive, fifteen years old, and now a student at Waltham. Mr. Schoff married for his second wife Miss Rose Sauter, who is of German parentage, being a daughter of the late Jacob and Christine Sauter, the latter a resident of Greenfield, where her married life was passed. Two children have been born of this union, namely: Christine, born March 13, 1883;

and Josephine, born January 23, 1895. Mr. Schoff was by birthright a Republican in politics, but has so far departed from the faith that he now supports the Cleveland administration.

HENRY H. DENNISON, of the firm of Wood & Dennison, general storekeepers at Griswoldville, in the town of Colerain, has reached his present position of prosperity through his own personal energy and perseverance. He was born at Wilmington, Vt., October 4, 1861, and is the son of Charles H. and Mary W. (Jenkins) Dennison, his father having been a native of Marlboro, Vt., and his mother of Massachusetts. Mr. Dennison's paternal grandfather, Samuel Dennison, was an early settler in Marlboro, Vt., where, having made for himself a home by clearing a farm from the wilderness, he continued to reside during his active life, dying in Wilmington at the age of seventy-six years, his wife, Sophia Dennison, having lived to attain ripe old age. Of their family, which consisted of nine children, all born in Marlboro, two are now living, namely: Holland Dennison, of Wilmington, Vt.; and Mrs. Melissa Harris, of Esperance, N.Y.

Charles H. Dennison was both a carpenter and a farmer; and subsequent to his marriage, which occurred at Abington, Mass., he purchased a farm in Wilmington, he and his wife having travelled thither by stage, the distance being one hundred and fifty miles. He resided in Wilmington, and continued to follow these occupations until 1878, when he moved to Colerain, and settled at Griswoldville, where one year later his residence was washed away by a freshet, carrying with it his entire worldly possessions. He continued a resident of Griswoldville until his decease, which occurred on December 22, 1892, at the age of

seventy-nine years. His wife, who still survives, and resides with her son Henry H. Dennison, was the mother of seven children, three of whom are now living, as follows: Adelbert E.; Mary A., wife of William H. Norton; and Henry H.—all of Griswoldville. Those deceased were: Lysander A., Emma E., Alice M., and Charles A.

Henry H. Dennison, having secured his education in the public schools, at fifteen years of age entered the cotton-mills of the Griswoldville Manufacturing Company as an operative, and continued in that employment until 1880, at which time he was given a position as clerk in the company's store. In that capacity he served faithfully and efficiently for fourteen years, or until October, 1894, when, in company with Mr. Wood, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume, he purchased the business. They conduct a large and well-equipped establishment, carrying a stock valued at about five thousand dollars, their sales amounting to about twenty thousand dollars per annum.

On June 29, 1888, Mr. Dennison married Mary E. Call, of Colerain, daughter of Charles H. Call, who now resides in Shattuckville, Mass. They have two children: Leon Earl, born October 26, 1889; and Gladys May, born March 10, 1893. Mr. Dennison is a Republican in politics; and both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he has been superintendent of the Sunday-school for one year and steward for several years.

THOMAS T. FYFE, M.D., an active practitioner of the homœopathic school of medicine, is one of the younger physicians of Greenfield, and comparatively a recent comer, but has already won a good

reputation for professional knowledge, promptitude, and skill. He is a native of Scotland, and the date of his birth was May 18, 1860. His father, Hugh Fyfe, was born in Scotland in 1820, was there reared and married, and lived there until 1869. In that year he emigrated to the United States with his wife and family, which consisted of twelve children—five sons and seven daughters—of whom but two of the sons and five daughters are now living. He was a civil engineer by profession, and, after being employed in that capacity in several cities and towns, settled in East Bennington, Vt., but after two years moved to Blackinton, Mass., where he died in 1876. His widow, whose maiden name was Annie Downly, survives him, living at North Adams, Mass., and at seventy years of age is strong and active both mentally and physically.

Thomas was a lad of nine years when the family came to this country, and had obtained the rudiments of his education in the public schools of Scotland. After landing on these shores, he continued his studies in the graded schools of Cleveland, Ohio, being graduated from the high school in due course of time, and subsequently studying for his profession, and receiving his medical diploma at the Homœopathic Hospital College of that city. In 1889, in the month of November, Doctor Fyfe settled in Greenfield; and during his residence here he has gained the good will and confidence of all with whom he has had dealings in a professional, social, or business way, and has acquired a lucrative practice.

Dr. Fyfe was united in marriage March 8, 1881, to Miss Elizabeth Ingraham, their nuptials being celebrated at the bride's home in North Adams, Mass. At their pleasant residence, which he purchased in March, 1893, on Federal Street, the Doctor and his

wife exercise a genuine hospitality, entertaining their many friends with social converse and right good cheer. Dr. and Mrs. Fyfe are not connected by membership with any religious organization, but both are regular attendants of the Congregational church. In politics the Doctor affiliates with the Republican party, being one of its staunchest allies.

JOHN S. HUNT, a respected resident of Miller's Falls, where he carries on business as a blacksmith and wheelwright, was born in the town of Rowe, Franklin County, Mass., February 14, 1861. His father, Moses Hunt, was a native of Hawley, Mass.; and his grandfather, Atherton, was a long-time resident of that town, where he owned and cultivated a farm, and where his death occurred.

Moses Hunt, father of John S., was one of five children. He received his education in the public schools of the town, remaining with his father until he came of age. He then purchased a farm in Rowe, which he cultivated until his death, at the age of forty-nine years. His wife was Ursula Dalrymple, a native of Reedsboro, Vt., where her father, John S. Dalrymple, was a prosperous farmer. By her marriage to Mr. Hunt she became the mother of three children, as follows: Martha, wife of Sylvester Davis, of Charlemont; Mary, wife of S. C. Smith, of Colerain; and John S. Mrs. Moses Hunt is still living in Rowe. Both she and her husband were attendants of the Unitarian church.

John S. Hunt spent his early years on his father's farm in Rowe, attending the public schools of the town, his education including a high school course. He then learned the trade of wheelwright and blacksmith, conducting a business here for ten years, after which

he sold out, and spent two years in the brace shop at Miller's Falls. He later purchased an interest in the shop he now conducts in connection with Philip Cavanaugh, and has been quite successful in building up a good business.

In 1886 Mr. Hunt was married to Miss Alice Newell, daughter of Charles Newell, a well-known farmer of Rowe. Mrs. Hunt was born in Shelburne Falls, and was one of a family of four children, all of whom are now living. Mr. Hunt is independent in politics, casting his vote in accordance with his best judgment. He is liberal in his religious opinions, and takes an active interest in political, social, and religious matters. He is a man of intelligence and information, giving much of his leisure to the perusal of books, particularly works of biography, in which department of literature he has a discriminating taste.

DAVID M. PIERCE, a leading farmer and extensive real estate owner in Colerain, was born in this town, October 21, 1842, son of Morris and Sylvia (Upton) Pierce. He traces his descent on the paternal side from Captain William Pierce, who fought in the French and Indian War, and whose two sons, Zebulon and Gad, also participated in that struggle. Zebulon took up arms again later in life, being one of the patriots of the Revolution. He died on July 2, 1800, at the age of sixty-six; and his wife, Molly, died in July, 1818, aged seventy-three. Their son Samuel, who was the grandfather of David M., was born in Stow, Mass., April 15, 1779. He established a permanent residence in Colerain, and became quite a prominent man here, cultivating a large farm and taking an active interest in public affairs. He was a well-informed man,

and was connected with a library and a historical society. In politics he was a Whig, and represented his town in the State legislature; and for several years he was Town Clerk and Treasurer. He died February 1, 1850, at the age of seventy-one. His wife, Rachel Smith, to whom he was married November 26, 1801, was born February 1, 1782, and died at the age of sixty-five. Both Grandmother and Grandfather Pierce were members of the Baptist church. They had a large family, but only two sons and two daughters reached maturity.

Morris Pierce was born in Colerain, April 11, 1811, and became one of the leading men of the place, owning a farm of three hundred acres at one time, and also running a saw-mill. He belonged to the old Whig party, and later was a Republican. He was several times elected Selectman and Assessor, and was in good standing as a member of the Baptist church. He died at the age of seventy-one. His wife, Sylvia Upton, who was born in Charlemont, December 12, 1813, died May 29, 1881, when sixty-eight years of age. She was a daughter of Ebenezer Upton, of Charlemont, and great-grand-daughter of Josiah Upton, a native of North Reading, who was fourth in line of descent from John Upton, the immigrant ancestor of the Uptons of New England. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Pierce had four children, of whom David Morris is the second. Samuel Sabin Pierce, born August 31, 1837, is deceased; Albert J., born March 30, 1847, now resides in Amesbury, Mass.; George Landon Pierce, born April 1, 1852, lives on the old homestead where his grandfather died. He carries on general farming, making a specialty of fruit-growing and dairy products, and owns several head of stock, including sheep and Holstein and Jersey cattle. He has been twice married. His first

wife, Sarah L., daughter of Thomas and Fanny Purington, of Colerain, died, leaving two children, Fanny M. and Wayne M. His second wife, Mary E., widow of H. D. Townsley, is the daughter of Charles and Philana (Lyon) Elmer, of Ashfield, who are both deceased.

David M. Pierce grew to manhood in Colerain, receiving here his early education, which was supplemented by four terms at Powers Institute. After the death of his father, with whom he had then been in company for eleven years, he bought the mill interest, and continued the business of manufacturing wooden boxes for dairy products and other articles. For some years he was engaged in mechanical work, milling, and farming, at one time raising and packing large quantities of tobacco. In 1875 he bought the farm where he now resides of his uncle, David S. Pierce, who had been in business with his father; and in 1891 he disposed of his interest in the mill, in order to attend more closely to his agricultural pursuits. He now owns a large territory of farm and pasture land, including one hundred acres in Charlemont, which bears the Indian name, Pocomtuck. Mr. Pierce carries on general farming and fruit-raising on an extensive scale, and has some fine cattle. He gives his personal supervision to every branch of his work, and the results speak for themselves.

On June 2, 1880, he was married to Alice, daughter of Ephraim and Chloe (Peck) Truesdell, of Rowe, where Mr. Truesdell is well known as an old resident and a public-spirited citizen. They have two children, Percy F. and Clara S. Pierce. Mr. Pierce votes the Republican ticket, and, true to the family traditions, is a member of the Baptist church. Besides his real estate, he is concerned in the Shelburne Falls Creamery Association.

ALMON B. EDDY, a prosperous farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Conway, was born in Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., February 7, 1854, son of Benjamin and Nancy (Parks) Eddy, and grandson of Joel Eddy. The grandfather, Joel, was a native of Vermont, where he was successfully engaged as an agriculturist. He died at the advanced age of ninety-three years, and his wife at the age of seventy. Benjamin Eddy, who was born in Vermont, remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then removed to Buckland, Mass., where he was employed in the cutlery manufactory for a few years, after which he purchased a farm in Vermont, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits until he retired from active labor. He is now living with his son Almon B., and, though advanced in years, is still active, and enjoys a fair degree of health. In political views he is a Prohibitionist. His wife, Nancy Parks, was born and reared in Bernardston, Mass., daughter of Reuben Parks. She bore her husband a son and daughter, Lucinda E. and Almon B. The mother's death occurred when our subject was quite young. Both parents were communicants of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Almon B. Eddy removed in childhood with his parents from Buckland to Vermont, where he grew to manhood, receiving a practical education in the public schools. On attaining his majority he went to Iowa, and was there successfully engaged in farming for seven years. He then returned East, and settled in Conway, purchasing the small farm on which he now resides. He is profitably engaged in general farming, and in connection with his agricultural work is also employed by the Conway Creamery Company. In 1881 Mr. Eddy was joined in marriage with Miss Nettie I. Lee, of Conway, daughter of Dennis

Lee. Their home has been brightened by the birth of two children—a son and daughter—Walter C. and Jessie May.

In political affiliation Mr. Eddy is a Republican. He is a member of the Deerfield Agricultural Society, and is a Master Mason, having taken the third degree in the Morning Sun Lodge of Conway.

ELIZA B. LEONARD, of Greenfield, Mass., is a native of Boston and the descendant of a family noted for their mental attainments and for estimable traits of character that gave them distinction among the leading members of their generation. She is a daughter of the late Theodore and Elizabeth (Babcock) Leonard, the former a native of Sandwich, Mass., born March 24, 1802, and the latter of Boston, born February 24, 1809.

The paternal grandfather of Miss Leonard, named Jonathan Leonard, was born at Bridgewater, Mass., on February 7, 1763, and was graduated from Harvard College in 1786. He studied for the medical profession, settled at Sandwich, Mass., in 1788 or 1789, and was for many years the foremost physician and surgeon of that locality. He was succeeded in his practice by his son Jonathan, also a Harvard graduate; and the latter in his turn has a son named Jonathan, who is now a student at Harvard, preparing for the hereditary calling. Dr. Jonathan Leonard, Sr., married Temperance Hall, of Sandwich, their nuptials being solemnized May 10, 1796, and they reared five sons, namely: Francis Dana, who passed the larger part of his life at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and who was always actively interested in advancing the cause of education, giving his daughters the advantage of a thorough course of study at Antioch College;

Theodore, father of Miss Leonard; Jonathan, a physician, at Sandwich, as above mentioned, who was twice married, his first wife having been Alice Babcock, a sister of Miss Leonard's mother; George Kingman, for many years engaged in business in Boston, where he died, aged forty years, leaving two sons and two daughters; and Charles Cushing, who was probably lost at sea by the burning of the ship "President." Both grandparents attained the venerable age of eighty-six years, the grandfather dying in 1849, and his widow in 1854.

Theodore Leonard and Miss Elizabeth Babcock were united in marriage on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1832; and during the first few years of their wedded life they resided in different places, including Boston, Baltimore, Md., Mobile, Ala., and Dudley, Mass. In 1843 they settled in Greenfield, which they made their permanent home, in 1853 purchasing the fine large residence at 50 Federal Street, now owned and occupied by the subject of this brief sketch. Mr. Leonard was interested in the manufacture of woollen cloths, such as doeskins and cassimeres, until 1857, being agent for the company, which failed in that year; and he, being the largest creditor, succeeded to the business, being actively and prosperously engaged therein for some ten years. He was in reality the architect of his own fortune, having begun life as clerk in a Boston establishment, and, diligently applying himself, by his own energy worked his way up to a recognized position among the successful business men of the day. His years were well spent; and his death, which occurred May 7, 1872, was universally regretted. His widow survived him, living until January 9, 1892. Both were people of culture, liberal in their social and religious views, and consistent members of the Unitarian church.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Leonard was a daughter of Samuel H. and Eliza (Brazier) Babcock, both natives of Boston, who were the parents of thirteen children, four of whom died when young. Nine grew to mature life, as follows: Samuel B. (deceased) was for forty years rector of St. Paul's church at Dedham, Mass.; William G., a retired Unitarian minister, is living at Dorchester, Mass.; Charles A. (deceased) was formerly in mercantile business in Boston; John, a manufacturer, resides in Boston; Charlotte L., the widow of a prominent druggist of Boston, was the third child in order of birth, and is now an active and interesting woman of eighty-five years; Alice, deceased, was the wife of Jonathan Leonard; Caroline, deceased, married Theodore Dunn, of Dover, Mass.; Sarah, deceased, married Augustus Whittemore, a well-known merchant of Boston; and Elizabeth, as above mentioned, became Mrs. Theodore Leonard.

Eliza B. Leonard was the only child born to her parents, and much attention was paid to her early education, which was obtained in private schools of Greenfield, and under the tuition of Professor Louis and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Agassiz, at the historic old town of Cambridge, Mass. Being somewhat dependent upon her own resources, she early began to make use of her abilities and attainments, and for a period of fourteen years taught French and music in Greenfield, but on account of failing health was obliged to relinquish her work. Miss Leonard has since filled her house with congenial boarders, and takes delight in providing them with the comforts of a pleasant home. She occupies a high position in the society of Greenfield, having many warm friends among the best people of the place, her liberal mind, large heart, and sympathetic nature commanding the respect



AMOS STEWART.

and winning the love of all with whom she is brought in contact.

AMOS STEWART, a prosperous farmer and fruit-grower of Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., is a sturdy representative of the old Scotch Stewart family, members of which settled in the town in 1740. An old gravestone in the cemetery bears the name of one of Mr. Stewart's ancestors, with date of birth — James Stewart, 1680 — who was the first member of the family to make his home in Colerain.

The parents of the subject of this sketch were Amos and Margaret (Oak) Stewart, both natives of Colerain, the former of whom was a successful farmer and for many years a prominent figure in public affairs, he having served his town as Selectman, and represented his district in the State legislature for several terms. He was a Presbyterian in religion. His death occurred June 17, 1867, at the age of seventy-four years, nearly seventeen years after that of his wife, Margaret Oak, who was called to rest in August, 1850, at the age of fifty-three. Of their ten children the only survivors are four sons: Amariah H., who resides in Connecticut; William, a resident of Colerain, and whose sketch with further genealogical data appears elsewhere in this work; David, who is now a resident of Michigan; and Amos, the father's namesake.

Amos Stewart, Jr., attended the schools of his native town in his early years, and at the age of eighteen, under the influence of the gold fever, made an overland trip to California with an ox-team, leaving Greenfield in April, 1852, and arriving at his destination in October, a six months' journey, which must have been tedious to a degree, although unrivalled for leisurely opportunity of sight-seeing, and

doubtless diversified by incidents of exciting and even of perilous nature, whose story one would like to hear. Hopeful and energetic, the young adventurer went immediately to the mines of Sonoma County, where he worked for three years, his expectations of sudden wealth, however, like those of many others, failing of realization. He returned East by way of the Isthmus; but, before settling down in his native place, he went to Wisconsin, where he remained for a year and a half, at the end of which time, not altogether satisfied with that part of the country, he returned to Colerain, and in 1857 purchased the seventy-acre farm that he now occupies. Having, however, since added to the original acreage, he now possesses a fine farm of about one hundred and twenty acres, which is admirably located and in a high state of cultivation. Besides being extensively engaged in fruit-growing, having a large and productive orchard which yielded last year over four hundred barrels of apples, he also devotes considerable attention to dairying interests with profitable results. The Stewart place, with its convenient and comely dwelling and its remodelled farm buildings, is one of the pleasantest and most comfortable homes in this vicinity.

On April 14, 1858, Mr. Amos Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Mary Cone, who was born at Marlboro, Vt., October 1, 1836, daughter of Jesse and Abigail (Nelson) Cone. Mrs. Stewart's parents are no longer living. Her father was formerly a merchant of Marlboro, Vt., where he was an early settler, and became a prominent citizen, long serving as Justice of the Peace, Postmaster, Town Clerk, and Treasurer. He was successful in business, and was highly esteemed. He was twice married, and of his three children Mrs. Stewart is the only survivor. Mrs. Stewart's paternal grandparents were Robert and Sarah

(Cook) Cone, the former of whom was a native of Saybrook, Conn., and became an early settler in Colerain, where he combined the occupations of farming and shoemaking. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. His death occurred at the age of sixty-three years. His wife, Sarah Cook, who was from Wilmington, Vt., survived to the age of eighty-four.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have had three children, but have been called to mourn the loss of two: Jennie, who died January 19, 1875, at the age of sixteen years; and Abbie, Mrs. W. T. Holton, who died January 8, 1891, at the age of twenty-five years, in Redlands, Cal. Charles Amos Stewart, the only son, born April 14, 1871, is now superintendent of a fruit ranch at Redlands, Cal. Liberal in their religious views, Mr. Stewart and his wife are among the most respected residents of Colerain. He is a Republican in politics, has served as Selectman and Assessor for three terms, and is now Special County Commissioner. As might be expected, he is a member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

A portrait of Mr. Amos Stewart, which his acquaintances will have no difficulty in recognizing, and which will give pleasure to many friends, will be seen on an adjoining page.

CHARLES M. CONANT, a well-to-do farmer of Gill, an interior town of Franklin County, was born in Warwick, a few miles east of his present home, February 4, 1827, son of Jonas and Anna (Rising) Conant. Mr. Conant's great-grandfather, Benjamin Conant, was born in Beverly, Mass., in 1698; and in 1732 he became one of the incorporators of the town of Dudley, in Worcester County. He resided there for

thirty-five years, during which time he was prominent in public affairs, and then moved to Warwick, where he died September 20, 1767. For a more extended account of the family genealogy the reader is referred to a work entitled "A History of the Conant Family," which was published in Portland, Me., in 1887. Asa Conant, Mr. Conant's grandfather, was born in Dudley in 1750, and settled in Warwick, where he became an innkeeper, and died February 21, 1832.

Jonas Conant, son of Asa, was reared to agricultural pursuits. He erected a grist-mill in Warwick, which he operated for a time, but disposed of it later, and moved to Vermont, where he carried on a farm for eleven years. In 1840 he returned to Warwick, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-one years. Jonas Conant was a member of the Congregational church at Warwick. By his first wife, Sarah Leonard, daughter of Jonas Leonard, he had four children, who have all passed away. Charles M. Conant is the only child of his union with his second wife, Mrs. Anna Rising Barker, daughter of Jonathan Rising, of Marlboro, Vt. The mother died in Whitingham, Vt., aged ninety-three years.

Charles M. Conant received his education in the district schools and at Cambridge, N.Y., and resided with his parents until his father's death. He taught school for one winter, then followed carpentering and shoemaking, being engaged for some time in a particular branch of the latter trade—that of bottoming boots—and also carried on a farm. In 1864 he sold his property in Warwick, and settled upon his present farm in Gill, which consists of forty-five acres of well-improved land; and this he conducts with good results.

In 1852 Mr. Conant was united in marriage to Emelia Johnson, daughter of Daniel John-

son, who was a prominent farmer of Warwick, but a native of Orange. Mr. Johnson died in Warwick, at the age of forty-one years. He and his wife, Sarah Ward, a grand-daughter of William Burnett, were the parents of six children, four of whom are still living, namely: Caroline, wife of Jonathan Blake, who resides in Gill; Emelia; Sarah, who married Dwight Fuller, of Springfield; and James G., who resides at the old homestead. Mrs. Johnson passed her declining years with her daughter Emelia, Mrs. Conant, and died at the age of seventy-four. Emelia Johnson was well educated at the common and select schools of Orange, and, after completing her studies, taught school for one year before her marriage to Mr. Conant.

Mr. and Mrs. Conant have had two daughters; namely, Alice, who died at the age of twenty-one, and Sarah at twenty-three years. Both were liberally educated, and Sarah had already entered upon a useful career as a teacher. Mr. Conant is a Republican in politics, but has never aspired to public office. He and his wife are attendants of the Congregational church.

HON. WILLIAM BARRETT WASHBURN, LL.D., a resident of Greenfield from 1857 to his death in 1887, and Governor of Massachusetts for the years 1872 and 1873, was born in Winchendon, Mass., January 31, 1820. His paternal grandfather, Elijah Washburn, who was born October 8, 1758, and who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, was for some time a resident of Leicester, Mass., from which place he went as a pioneer settler in 1786 to Hancock, N.H. He was a blacksmith by trade, but engaged in agriculture in connection with other business pur-

suits. He married Elizabeth Watson, of Leicester, Mass.; and they became the parents of a good old-fashioned family of twelve children. Mr. Washburn died in 1836, at the age of seventy-eight, his wife following him three years later, at the age of seventy-seven. The Washburn homestead in Hancock is still in possession of their descendants.

Their son Asa, who became the father of the Hon. William B. Washburn, was born in 1790, and in 1817 married Phebe Whitney. Asa Washburn died October 21, 1824; and after his death his widow married in 1827 John Woodbury, by whom she had one daughter—Mary Jane—who died in her thirteenth year. Mr. Woodbury died in Winchendon, Mass., in 1870, when in his eighty-seventh year. Governor Washburn's mother, having survived her second husband, laid down the burden of life at the residence of her son, Nelson P. Washburn, Nashua, N.H., on March 7, 1876.

William B. Washburn prepared for college at the academies of Westminster, Mass., Hancock, N.H., and Groton, Mass., and in 1840 entered Yale College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1844. He had intended to enter the legal profession, but, yielding to the request of his uncle, William B. Whitney, who was in poor health, he assumed charge of the latter's extensive business interests at Orange, Mass. He early exhibited remarkable business ability, together with a strict personal integrity, which soon brought him into public notice, and led to his being selected in 1850 as a fit candidate for the State Senate, where the foundation of his political career was laid. After serving one term in the House in 1854, he represented his district in the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, and forty-second sessions of Congress, and in November, 1871,

was elected to the office of Chief Executive of the State, being inaugurated January, 1872. His record in this exalted position is well known, and need not be here enlarged upon. Suffice it to say that he proved himself a worthy successor to the many able and virtuous men who had preceded him in office, and showed himself abundantly endowed with the essential qualities of a true statesman and leader of men. He was twice re-elected, and in April, 1874, resigned the governorship, having been appointed by the legislature to succeed the Hon. Charles Sumner in the United States Senate. He took his seat in that body on May 1, 1874, and completed the unfinished term of his illustrious predecessor, which closed on March 3, 1875.

During his residence in Greenfield he filled a prominent place in the business world. He was elected President of the State Bank and of its successor, the National Bank, which position he held until his death. He was a Trustee of Yale College for nearly twelve years, a member of the Board of Overseers of Amherst College, and a Trustee of the State Agricultural College at Amherst. At the time of his death he was a Trustee of Smith College in Northampton and of the Moody School at Northfield, and was a Director of the Connecticut River Railroad Company. He was actively interested in all public affairs, both State and national, often neglecting his own private business to promote measures for the general good of the community, and will long be remembered as a cheerful giver, a liberal benefactor to the Greenfield Library and other deserving institutions. In the midst of his useful and honored career, while attending in Springfield, Mass., a meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of which he was a corporate member, he was summoned from earth

on October 5, 1887, aged sixty-seven years, eight months, and five days.

William B. Washburn was married on September 6, 1847, to Miss Hannah A. Sweetser, of Athol, Mass., of which town both her parents were natives, and where their marriage took place in 1823. Mrs. Washburn has been the mother of six children—two sons and four daughters—as follows: Maria Augusta, who died January 1, 1851, at the age of fourteen months; William Nelson, now residing in Greenfield; George Sweetser, who died in May, 1870, in his sixteenth year; Anna R., who married Walter Osgood Whitcomb January 15, 1885, and is now a resident of New York City; Clara Spencer, who was married February 19, 1885, to James C. Deane; and Mary Nightingale Washburn. Clara and Mary reside with their mother at the Washburn mansion, 151 Main Street, Greenfield.

REV. ALPHEUS CLARK HODGES, of Buckland, pastor of First Congregational Church and editor and publisher of several religious newspapers, was born at Rochester, N.Y., in February, 1853. His father, Willard Hodges, a native of Torrington, Conn., was a son of Erastus Hodges, who was also born in that town. Mr. Hodges's great-grandfather, Elkanah Hodges, was a physician and one of the first settlers of Torrington, where, aside from his profession, he engaged in mercantile pursuits and farming, residing there until his death. Erastus Hodges was a merchant in Torrington, both he and his wife, Laura Loomis, being life-long residents.

Willard Hodges received his early education in Torrington, and, after two years' study at the Suffield Literary Institute and the same period at Williams College, was graduated at

Yale with the class of 1845. He was for a time a merchant in New York City, but removed shortly to Rochester, N.Y., where he purchased a farm, and resided thereon until his death, which occurred in the month of July, 1888. His wife, who still resides at Rochester, was before her marriage Jane A. Bradley. She is a daughter of Gurdon B. and Phebe Bradley, of Fairfield, N.Y., and the mother of six children — Henry, Alpheus C., Jane R., Amy M., Louise M., and Fanny L.

Alpheus C. Hodges, the second son, as above named, received his elementary and collegiate preparatory education in the schools of Rochester, and was graduated at Yale College in 1877. He then entered the Theological Seminary at Hartford, Conn., graduating in 1881, and on November 16 of that year was ordained and installed a pastor at Buckland, Mass. In 1890 Mr. Hodges established a weekly newspaper at Buckland, called *Our Country Church*, which is devoted to the interest of country churches and local church papers. At first the paper gave some space to local news, but, finding that its circulation was principally abroad, that department was transferred to another publication; and *Our Country Church*, which was changed to a monthly, has now developed into a journal of sixteen pages, with Mr. Hodges as its editor. He also publishes the Connecticut Valley *Congregationalist*, the Deerfield *Endeavorer*, the Springfield *District Methodist*, besides issuing a number of papers for different localities.

In 1893 the Rev. Alpheus C. Hodges was married to Eleanor R. Squire, who was born at Dorchester, Mass., and is a daughter of the Rev. Edmund and Sarah M. Squire. Mr. and Mrs. Hodges have one son, named Benjamin Redfern. Mr. Hodges has been a liberal donor to the Public Church Library of Buckland, which was established in 1890.

WILLARD HENRY PIERCE, M.D., physician and surgeon, with his home and office at 163 Main Street, Greenfield, has a large and increasing practice in this part of Franklin County, and, although young in years, has already performed feats in surgery that have brought him into prominent notice in the medical fraternity as well as before the general public. One especially worthy of mention is a difficult case of laparotomy performed by the Doctor in 1890, the very first operation of the kind by a resident physician in the entire county, and being entirely successful. Dr. Pierce is a native of Vermont, having been born November 21, 1863, in the town of Westminster, which was the birthplace of several of his ancestors and life-long residence of his grandfather, Moses Pierce.

Nathan G. Pierce, the Doctor's father, was born in Westminster in 1816, being one of a family of three children — two sons and a daughter. He was a representative agriculturist of that part of Vermont, and a man of broad knowledge and sound sense, wielding quite a strong influence in local and State affairs; and, besides holding town offices, he served two terms in the State legislature. He was a stanch Republican in politics, and fearless in the expression of his principles. He died in December, 1888. He was twice married, both of his wives being daughters of John Keach, of Westminster. His first wife, Melissa Keach, died in the prime of young womanhood, leaving two sons: Hart Benton Pierce, a member of the detective force of Providence, R.I.; and Milton, who died at Camp Griffin during his enlistment in the late war. His second wife, Roxanna Keach, bore him five children, namely: Edwin R., manager of the Glendower Hotel at Springfield; Ella, who died in childhood; George W., who

has charge of the Asylum Farm at Brattleboro, Vt.; Lilla Jane, a young lady of rare promise, who passed to the higher life at the early age of sixteen years; and Dr. Pierce, of whom we write.

Willard H. Pierce was reared on the pleasant home farm, and attended the district school as a boy, being afterward fitted for college in the Vermont Academy, at Saxton's River, near Bellows Falls. His inclinations leading him to choose the profession of medicine, he entered the University of Vermont, from the medical department of which he was graduated with the degree of M.D. in June, 1885. The following September Dr. Pierce, being then twenty-one years old, opened an office in Bernardston, Mass., remaining there until January 1, 1893, when he took advantage of a favorable opening, and came to Greenfield. As indicated above, he has gained an extended reputation for skill in surgery, to which he pays special attention, and has won the confidence and esteem of his many patients, his eminent success proving that his life-work has been wisely chosen, and thus far faithfully followed. In September, 1894, Dr. Pierce established his hospital at 2 West Main Street, in a large brick dwelling, where he has the most modern appliances for successfully attending to his suffering patients, giving them his personal care and supervision.

On the 7th of September, 1888, Dr. Willard H. Pierce and Nellie May Gray were united in marriage, and of their union two children have been born, namely: Roxy, a beautiful little girl of three years; and Frank Gray, who died in infancy. Mrs. Pierce is a daughter of Ormando and Roxcena (Arnold) Gray, of Bernardston, Mass., where they are now living, the former being the well-known map and atlas publisher, although he is now retired from active business.

Politically, the Doctor is a warm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and, socially, is an advanced member of the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar, belonging to the Greenfield Commandery. He is prominent in medical circles, belonging to the Massachusetts Medical Society, to the Franklin District Medical Society, and to the Connecticut Valley Association, and is a frequent contributor to the various medical journals of the country. Both he and his estimable wife are in hearty sympathy with the liberal faith and advanced thought of the Unitarian church, of which they are regular attendants.

HERBERT E. WARFIELD, an extensive farmer of Charlemont, was born in the adjoining town of Heath, Mass., November 25, 1855, and is a son of Edward E. and Martha A. (Gleason) Warfield. Mr. Warfield's grandparents were Job and Nancy (Thompson) Warfield, the former of whom was a son of Joshua Warfield, whose father, also named Job Warfield, was the first member of the family to settle in Franklin County.

The first Job Warfield, who was a native of Milford, Mass., and a veteran of the Revolutionary War, became one of the original settlers of the town of Heath, where he purchased a tract of wild land, which he improved into a good farm. He resided there until his death, on July 21, 1835. The maiden name of his wife was Prudence Bush. Their son Joshua was born at Milford, and accompanied them to Heath. He also followed agricultural pursuits successfully.

Job Warfield, son of Joshua, was born at Heath, and there grew to manhood. After marriage he purchased a farm in the eastern part of the town, a considerable part of which

he cleared, and cultivated grain to some extent. In 1867 he sold his property in Heath, and moved to Buckland, where he resided until his death, which occurred on October 28, 1871, after fifty-six years of married life, he and his wife having celebrated their golden wedding in 1865. Mrs. Job Warfield was a daughter of Stephen and Phebe (Chapin) Thompson, and she lived to the age of eighty-two years. She and her husband were members of the Congregational church, and Mr. Warfield was a Republican in politics. Their children were: Stephen, Lucy, Edward E., Alexander, Nancy I., Sarah U., and Henry L.

Edward E. Warfield was born at Heath on August 21, 1820. When a young man, he acquired the trade of a tanner, and, after following that occupation for a few years, purchased a small farm in his native town. Five years later he traded that estate for the property known as the J. Twing farm, which he conducted for the succeeding eight years, when he sold, and moved to Wilbraham, where for some time he had charge of the academy boarding-house. In 1869 he removed to Charlemont, and purchased the Miner farm, which formed a part of the property known as the C. Rice tract, of one hundred and fifty acres, which is now owned by his son Herbert, and which at that time was in a very rough state. He cleared a considerable portion of the land, constructed a new road to the village, erected a new house and barn, and successfully devoted his energies to general farming, keeping during the latter part of his life thirty head of choice cattle. In politics he was a strong Republican, and served the town as a Selectman and Assessor, and as Overseer of the Poor for four terms. He also had charge of the town farm for one year. His own farm, on account of its

healthy location and pleasant surroundings, became a noted resort for summer boarders, and has been known to accommodate as many as forty guests in a season. His wife, whom he married on June 7, 1843, was Martha, daughter of Abijah and Elizabeth (Bevins) Gleason, both of whom were natives of Heath. Abijah Gleason, who was a progressive farmer, died in 1852, aged fifty-nine years, his wife having passed away in 1844, at the age of forty-six years. Their children were: Salmon, Elizabeth, Reuben, Susan, Martha, Edward, Abigail M., Allen B., William F., Samuel K., and Charles A. Mr. and Mrs. Gleason were members of the Congregational church. Edward E. Warfield died at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, who survives him, is still bright and active. She has reared three children, as follows: Abbie J., wife of Dr. Temple, a resident of Charlemont; William S.; and Herbert E.

Herbert E. Warfield received his education in the public schools and at the Wilbraham Academy. He continued to reside with his parents; and after his marriage, which took place in his thirtieth year, he purchased his father's farm. He has since established a creamery, and has added two hundred and ten acres of adjoining land for pasturage purposes. He keeps a herd of twenty choice cows, an equal number of fine young stock, five horses, and a pair of mules. There are unmistakable signs of mineral products upon his farm, sulphur being plainly visible; and in 1894 Mr. Davis, proprietor of the well-known sulphur mines, opened a silica mine upon the property, which he worked to some extent. Mr. Warfield and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics Mr. Warfield is a Republican.

On January 22, 1885, Mr. Warfield was

married to Miss Mary T. Bassett, daughter of William O. Bassett, of Hawley, an account of whom may be found elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Warfield have two children, namely: Marjorie B., born April 4, 1890; and Horace E., born October 26, 1893. In the History of Milford, the birthplace of Joshua Warfield, as mentioned above, it is said that the Warfields of that town "all descended from Deacon John, of Mendon," who was in Dedham as early as 1642, and was later appointed the first schoolmaster in Mendon, certainly a far-off ancestor worthy of being held in remembrance.

JOSHUA GRIFFITH SEARS, a retired merchant and highly respected citizen of Shelburne Falls, Franklin County, Mass., was born in the town of Ashfield, a few miles distant, September 5, 1822, son of Ahira and Aurora (Griffith) Sears. The Sears family genealogy in America is traced back to Richard Sears, of English parentage, who was taxed in Plymouth Colony, Mass., in 1633, and in 1639 removed to Cape Cod. Beginning with him, the lineal representatives of this branch of the family are as follows: Richard, Silas, Joseph, Zachariah, and Roland, the last-named being the grandfather of Joshua G. Sears. He was born in Yarmouth, Mass., February 3, 1745, and lived there until twenty-eight years of age. In 1773 he and Paul Sears removed to Ashfield, Franklin County, where they took up a grant of two hundred acres of land on what is now known as Cape Street.

When they settled there, the country was new; and the farms were often separated by large tracts of wild or thickly wooded land. They cleared their land together, and they became successful and progressive agriculturists.

Later in life they divided their grant equally, so that each had a farm of one hundred acres. Roland Sears served as a patriot soldier in the Revolutionary War. In political affiliation he was a Whig, and he was a member of the Congregational church. Ahira Sears, son of Roland and Jedidah (Conant) Sears, was born December 12, 1783. Having grown to manhood, he continued to live with his parents, whom he cared for in their last days; and at their death he became the owner of the farm, on which he afterward erected a substantial new house and barn. He was also a successful agriculturist, and spent his whole life on the old Ashfield homestead, where he died January 18, 1870. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious views a Congregationalist. His wife, Aurora Griffith Sears, by whom he had six children, was born in Had-dam, Conn., in 1791, died in 1881, leaving two sons and one daughter; namely, Thomas Conant, Joshua Griffith, and Harriet Bement (Mrs. Spellman).

Joshua G. Sears grew to manhood on the old homestead, receiving a good practical education in the district schools of Ashfield, Mass. In 1848 he removed to Shelburne Falls, where he purchased horses and the necessary outfit, and for five years was profitably engaged as a teamster from this place to Greenfield. At the end of that time he opened a livery stable, which he conducted for two years with good results. He next engaged as a clerk in the store of Joel Thayer; and later on, in company with Mr. Good-nough, he conducted a general grocery store for a year. He then purchased his partner's interest, and for ten years conducted a prosperous business where Mr. Halligan's store is now located, after which he sold out, and retired from active business.

Mr. Sears has twice married, but has no

children. His first wife, Miss Mary Eldridge, daughter of Eli and Susan (Hall) Eldridge, died when but twenty-five years of age. Mr. Sears's present wife was before marriage Miss Hannah C. Sears, and is a daughter of Edmund and Betsey (Crowell) Sears, of Dennis, Mass., where her father was a prosperous farmer, and was also engaged in salt-making. Mr. Joshua G. Sears is a supporter of Republican principles; and he takes a keen interest in town affairs, but has at all times declined to serve in office. He and his wife are influential members of the Congregational church. They reside at 24 Main Street, in the pleasant and comfortable home which he has remodelled since he purchased the property.

A granite monument, erected in Yarmouth cemetery by the late Hon. David Sears, of Boston, to the memory of his ancestors, bears this noteworthy inscription:—

“Worth is better than wealth.
Goodness greater than nobility,
Excellence brighter than distinction.”

JOHAN H. CLARK, a skilful wagon-maker, doing a good business at Factoryville, in the town of Gill, is a native resident of Franklin County, having been born in Greenfield, July 20, 1823. He is a son of John and Phœbe Fish (Henry) Clark, and grandson of Daniel Clark, whose father came to Massachusetts from Ireland, and settled in Colerain, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active life. Daniel Clark in his boyhood and youth acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture on his father's farm; and there he remained employed until reaching his majority, when he settled on a farm that he had purchased for himself in the same town. He

was the father of four children, of whom John, father of John H., above named, was the third.

John Clark was reared a farmer, but later acquired the blacksmith's trade, which he made his regular occupation until 1812, when he removed to Greenfield, and engaged in the manufacture of woollen cloth, following this for some years. He finally resumed his labors at the anvil, which he continued, so far as he was able to work, up to the time of his death, at the age of eighty-three. His wife, Phœbe F. Henry, a native of Halifax, Vt., was the mother of two children, John H. and Henry. She died at the age of eighty-two years, having spent her last years at the home of her son, whose name heads this sketch, the house purchased by her husband in 1828. Mr. and Mrs. John Clark were both church members in good standing, and were highly esteemed by their neighbors.

John H. Clark, to whom we now return, spent his early years at home, attending the district school as opportunity afforded, and working in his father's shop until the age of twenty-one. He then went to work as a journeyman in the town of Greenfield, being there engaged in house carpentering for five years, and subsequently employed for some eight years as a machinist in a large woollen mill in that vicinity. He finally returned to the old homestead, and took charge of the place, both shop and farm, which he has managed successfully ever since, acquiring a good reputation for the quality of his work as general blacksmith and wagon-maker. He was first married, in 1855, to Eveline Severance, daughter of Obed Severance, a farmer of Gill, in which town her remote ancestors were very old settlers. Mrs. Eveline S. Clark died after eight years of happy married life, having reared one child—George C. Clark—who

married Delia Blackmer, of Gill. Mr. Clark took for his second wife Miss Mary Hale, daughter of I. S. Hale, a prominent lumberman and carpenter of Bernardston.

Mr. Clark is a Democrat in politics, as was his father, and is a man highly esteemed by his neighbors and fellow-townsmen for his intelligence, sound business sense, and unimpeachable character. With such qualities it need cause no surprise to learn that he has ably filled several important offices, among them those of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, holding the latter office for twelve years, having been re-elected eleven times — a proof of the confidence of the people in his capacity for public affairs. He and his wife are attendants at the Congregational church. They are people who stand high in the community in which they dwell, and are representative citizens of their town and county.

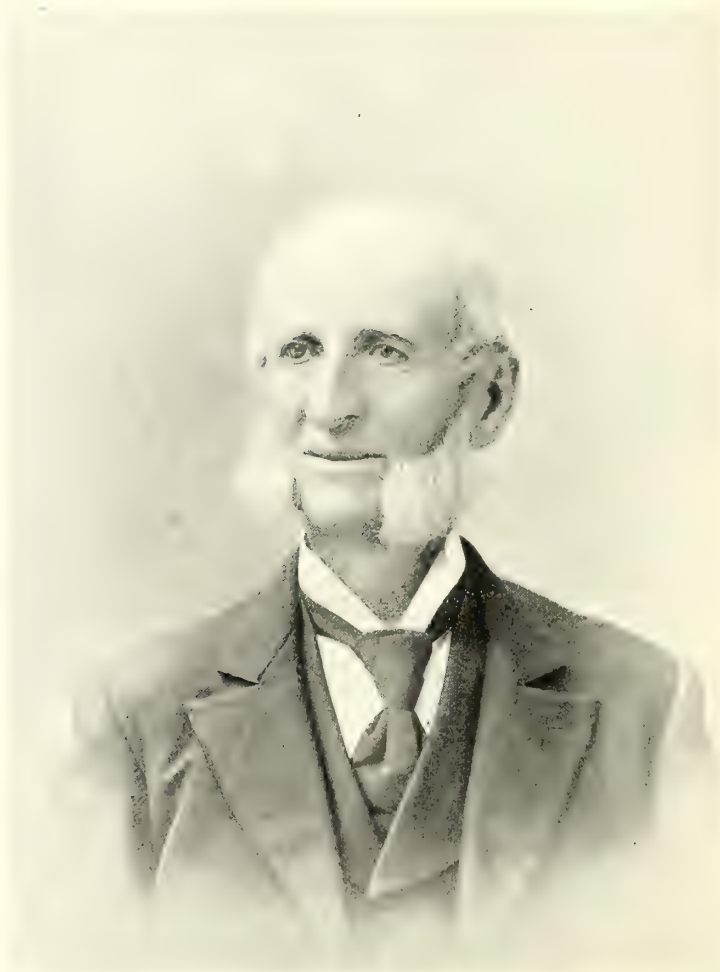
ANSEL HARRINGTON, a respected resident of Tully, in the town of Orange, is the worthy representative of one of the early pioneer families of the town, being a great-grandson of Jason Harrington, who settled on the east side of Tully Mountain in old Colonial days, and there became an extensive landholder, clearing and improving a good homestead. He was a native of Weston, Mass., born in 1734, and died in Orange, January 8, 1821. He married Priscilla Lebetter, who was born in 1741, and lived until April, 1793. They reared a large family of children; namely, Isaac, Daniel, Rest, Millie, Sarah, Nancy, Susanna, Nabby, Obadiah, Molly, Azubah, Allen, and Jason.

Daniel Harrington, second son of Jason, was born at Grafton, Mass., in 1762, and was a farmer by occupation. His first purchase of

land was a farm west of Tully Mountain, consisting of one hundred and sixty acres of land, which are now included in the farm of A. N. Harrington. The land was partially in its primitive wildness at the time he bought it, and much hard labor was required to place it under cultivation; but he succeeded well in this undertaking, and further improved the place by erecting good farm buildings, living there until his demise, in 1843. The maiden name of his life companion was Sally Lord. She was born December 30, 1762, and died June 5, 1849. The following children were born of their union: Daniel, Sally, Molly, Lyman, Reuben, Emory, Polly, Abram, Asahel, and Ansel.

Abram Harrington was a native of Orange, born January 14, 1802, and, being bred a farmer, continued in agricultural pursuits on the old homestead throughout his entire life, having bought the estate after the decease of his parents. In the course of time he made substantial improvements, erecting a new house and other needed buildings. He died at fifty-eight years of age, in 1860. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Goddard, died in the prime of early womanhood, in 1845, leaving six children — Ansel, Asa G., Daniel, A. Nelson, Mary J., and Esther. Mr. Abram Harrington was a man of strong convictions, and was very liberal in his religious belief.

Ansel was the eldest child born to his parents, Abram and Esther (Goddard) Harrington. He acquired his education in the district schools, attending mostly in the winter seasons, and working on the home farm during the remainder of the year. At the age of nineteen years, which was in 1849, he having been born October 24, 1830, he turned his attention to mechanical pursuits, entering a furniture shop in Tully, where he worked for



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six years. He was next employed in the same business at Templeton for about seventeen years, subsequently remaining a resident of that place for four years longer, being engaged as railway station agent. Coming back then to Tully, Mr. Harrington bought the Mellen farm, on which he now resides, and to which he has added other land by purchase. He has entirely remodelled the house, and built a new barn, making it one of the finest and best improved homesteads in this section of the county. He is a man of excellent judgment and sound principles, a loyal and true-hearted citizen, taking a deep interest in local affairs, and is a stanch advocate of the principles of the Republican party. Religiously, he is a Spiritualist, and, socially, is a member of the Grange.

Mr. Harrington has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united October 24, 1854, was Hannah M. Mellen, who was born in Spafford, N.Y., May 3, 1833. Her father, Nathaniel K. Mellen, was a native of Mendon, Mass., and in his early years was a school-teacher and quite a musician, and later a practical farmer. He married Miss Ruth C. Wales, and they reared the following-named children: Jonathan W., James E., Lucetta, Mary Adeline, Hannah M., David D., Nathaniel, and William H. His first wife dying September 23, 1890, Mr. Harrington was again married August 30, 1892, to Mrs. Fannie L. Stratton, a daughter of Nathaniel C. and Frances (Goddard) Forrester, her father a respected farmer, a descendant of the well-known and prominent Forrester family of Orange. Mrs. Harrington had previously been twice married. Her first husband, Edwin S. Thompson, died February 1, 1868, leaving her one son, Loren S. Thompson. She subsequently became the wife of Abner G. Stratton, who died March 26, 1882. This

estimable woman is a native of Franklin County, born in Orange, May 4, 1843. The wife of a thrifty Franklin County farmer, it may safely be assumed that "she looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

DAVID ASHCRAFT, an old resident and well-to-do farmer of East Whately, in the extreme southern part of Franklin County, Massachusetts, was born at Guilford, Vt., May 28, 1821. His father, John Ashcraft, was also a native of that town and State, his grandfather, Daniel Ashcraft, who resided for a time at Fisher's Island, in Long Island Sound, a part of the town of Southold, Suffolk County, N.Y., having removed thence to Guilford, where he followed agriculture, and also engaged in manufacturing bricks.

John Ashcraft was reared to farm life, and, having grown to maturity, continued to follow agriculture as an occupation. He had charge of the old homestead at Guilford during his father's declining years, and, succeeding to its possession at the latter's decease, which took place at the age of eighty-two, resided there the remainder of his life, which was brought to a close at the age of fifty-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Clarissa Stockbridge, was a daughter of David Stockbridge, a merchant of Hadley, Mass. She became the mother of thirteen children, who lived to reach maturity, of whom three still survive, namely: Amarette, who married for her first husband Henry Stedman, and for her second Melvin Chandler; Elizabeth, wife of Levi Stockbridge; and David, the subject of this biographical sketch. Mrs. Clarissa S. Ashcraft lived many years a widow, attaining the age of fourscore. Both herself and husband

were earnest and sincere in their religious belief, and were members of the Universalist church.

The boyhood and youth of David Ashcraft were passed upon the home farm in company with his six brothers and an equal number of sisters; and he acquired his education in the district schools of Guilford. On reaching the age of twenty-two years, he came to Whately; and here he worked as a farm laborer for a period of two years. He then returned to his native town, where he married, and for the two succeeding years resided at the old homestead. At the expiration of that time he purchased a farm in Halifax, Vt.; but after a residence there of five years he sold that place, and removed to Colerain, in the northern part of Franklin County, Massachusetts, where he was engaged in farming for three years. Finally settling upon his present farm in East Whately, which he purchased in 1857, he has since devoted his time and energies to general farming, with satisfactory results.

In the month of January, 1845, he was united in marriage to his first wife, Cynthia Cole, who was born at Rehoboth, daughter of Samuel Cole, later a miller of Colerain. She became the mother of two children: Henrietta M., now wife of Frank Elwell, an employee at the United States Armory in Springfield; and Henry C., who married Amy Sears, and is now a merchant at East Whately. Mrs. Cynthia C. Ashcraft having died at the age of sixty-seven years, Mr. Ashcraft married for his second wife Marion Denison, daughter of Edward Denison, of Leyden, where she was born. Her father, who is no longer living, was a prosperous farmer. Her mother still survives. Mr. Ashcraft is a Democrat in politics, and has participated actively in local public affairs. He served as a Selectman in 1870, was again elected to office in 1890, and

has served in that capacity ever since, being also an Overseer of the Poor. The family attend the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Ashcraft is a member.

In calling the attention of our readers to the lifelike portrait prefixed to the present sketch, it may be further mentioned that Mr. David Ashcraft is a true son of the American Revolution, whether his name appears on the membership list of any society thus entitled or not, his grandfather, Daniel Ashcraft, as we learn from Volume I. of the Archives of the State of New York, having held a captain's commission in the "First, or Lower, Regiment, Cumberland County Militia." Captain Daniel Ashcraft is supposed to have been a lineal descendant of John Ashcraft, who was in Stonington, Conn., in 1662.

DUANE B. DUNHAM, superintendent of the Ashfield Co-operative Creamery, is a man of push and enterprise, possessing good executive ability, and during his residence in this part of Franklin County has won the esteem and confidence of the community and a large patronage for the creamery. A native of the Empire State, he was born August 29, 1847, in Lewis County, being a son of Orrin and Eliza (Towsend) Dunham.

Orrin Dunham was born July 15, 1821, in the town of Denmark, Lewis County, N.Y., and received a practical education in the district school. He was entirely dependent upon his own resources, and began the battle of life as a pedler of dry goods and Yankee notions, travelling in and around Lewis County. Having in this manner accumulated some money, he purchased a tract of land, most of which was covered with timber; and from this he cleared and improved a good homestead property. On the land he found a large bed of

lime; and this he quarried, opening a kiln, which was then a new way of preparing it for market, and considered a wonderful improvement. Having followed quarrying and general farming for six years, he sold out, and bought a hotel at Denmark, N.Y., and managed it, in connection with teaming, until his decease, at the age of fifty-two years. His widow is still living. The following children were born to them: Harriet, who married George W. Pamater, a builder and contractor, of Carthage, N.Y.; Dennis H.; Duane B.; Marietta E., who died at the age of forty-five years; Edgar, who resides in Watertown, N.Y.; Marion, who married J. E. Knapp, of Denmark, N.Y.

Duane was educated in the common schools of his native county, and continued to live at home, working with his father at teaming until 1873, when he began the manufacture of butter and cheese, in time becoming very proficient in the business. In 1884 he came to Massachusetts, and, settling in the town of Hatfield, there opened the first creamery ever established in the New England States, and for three years continued as its superintendent and salesman. During the succeeding six years Mr. Dunham filled a similar position at Peterboro, N.H., coming thence to Ashfield in 1889, to take charge of the Ashfield Co-operative Creamery. He carries on a large business, manufacturing a choice brand of fancy package butter, which meets with a ready sale at the highest market price, the product sometimes reaching as high as four thousand pounds per week.

On March 19, 1869, Mr. Dunham was united in marriage to Miss Louisa H. Loomis, who was born in Canada, October 26, 1847, a daughter of Ashley and Hattie (Francis) Loomis. Mr. Loomis was born in Jefferson County, New York, not far from Phelps Mills,

where his paternal grandfather settled when the country was in its primitive wildness. After growing to manhood, Mr. Loomis moved to Canada, and for two years engaged in tilling the soil, but, not being satisfied with his prospects, returned then to Phelps Mills, and was employed in blacksmithing for a while. He subsequently removed to Carthage, where he carried on a lumber business for a short time, but later bought, or rather built, a tannery, which he operated successfully for twelve years. Disposing of that, he bought a farm in Franklin County, New York, but soon after sold out, and migrated westward, locating in Missouri, where he bought a coal mine, which he is successfully operating. He has two children, one being Mrs. Dunham, and the other Dr. Horace A. Loomis, a dentist in New York City.

The wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Dunham has been blessed by the birth of three children, namely: Carrie A., born September 21, 1870, now the wife of Charles E. Henry, of Peterboro, N.H.; Mittie G., who died at the age of nine years; and Wesley L., born June 19, 1879. As a man of business, Mr. Dunham is strictly honorable in his dealings, and in politics is a warm advocate of the principles promulgated by the Prohibitionists. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

GEORGE H. DAVENPORT, manufacturer of Davenport's Silver Polish, a well-known resident of Bernards-ton, and a veteran of the late war, was born in Lowell, Mass., October 6, 1837, son of Warren T. and Pamela W. (Thayer) Davenport. Mr. Davenport traces his ancestry back to John Davenport, who came across the water in 1637, landing in Boston, was among the

first settlers of New Haven, Conn., in 1638, and was pastor of the first Puritan church of that place. Warren T. Davenport, the father of the subject of this sketch, a farmer residing most of his life in Petersham, Mass., was born in that town, and his wife in Athol, Mass. A hard worker, successful in his career as a farmer, and taking an active part in the affairs of the community, he served as a School Committee-man and Road Surveyor of his town. He was a Baptist, and in politics a Whig, and later a Democrat. His death took place at the age of seventy-six, while visiting his son George H. at Athol, Mass. His wife still lives in Petersham. They had three children: Emory W. Davenport died at twenty-nine years of age, while a member of the Second Massachusetts Heavy Artillery; George H. Davenport is the elder of the two sons now living; the youngest son, Nathan T., a painter, resides in Worcester, Mass.

George H. Davenport grew to manhood in Petersham, where he attended the public schools, and at the age of eighteen began to learn the carpenter's trade, which business he followed till the breaking out of the Civil War in April, 1861. In 1861 he took a contract to build on East Rock, New Haven, Conn., an observatory, the tower of which was to have been sixty feet high. He commenced the erection of the stone tower; and it had reached the height of about fifteen feet when Mr. Stewart, for whom it was being built, became financially embarrassed. Upon learning of this state of things, Mr. Davenport at once laid down his tools, and enlisted in the Union Army. In 1894 Mr. Davenport, chancing to be in New Haven, found his tower still standing, it having been converted into a refreshment-room. In a conversation with the proprietor thereof he heard a story which had been current for years — how the man who had

started building the tower had dropped his tools at the rousing of the North, on the fall of Fort Sumter had joined the federal forces, and been killed during one of the bloody battles of the Rebellion.

Mr. Davenport's term of enlistment dates from August 8, 1861, at which time he became a private in Company C, Tenth Regiment Connecticut Volunteers. He was afterward promoted to Sergeant, and then Lieutenant, and, after having served about two years in Company C, became attached to the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Service, where he remained two years longer. He was in the battles of Roanoke Island, Newbern, Whitehall, Kinston, and the siege of Fort Sumter, besides numerous minor engagements, during one of which he was struck by a piece of shell, and wounded. He was a brave officer, and displayed particular gallantry in the battles of Roanoke Island and Newbern, and was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain of the Quartermaster's Department. He served during the entire time of his enlistment, and was honorably discharged in June, 1865. At the close of the war he went to Meriden, Conn., and once more engaged in the business of contractor and builder, living there three years. Mr. Davenport's residence in Bernardston dates from 1890. In 1876 he invented what is now known as Davenport's Silver Polish, an article used for cleaning and polishing gold, silver, and other metals, besides glass, and has since devoted his entire time to pushing its sale.

On the 9th of November, 1866, Mr. Davenport was married to Emma A. Cleveland, born in Hardwick, daughter of Charles R. and Eunice S. (Thayer) Cleveland. Her father was a farmer, and died at the age of seventy-four, and her mother died at sixty-one, both deaths occurring at Athol, Mass. Two of

Mrs. Davenport's great-grandfathers, Asa Wait and Colonel Abija Thayer, are said to have served as soldiers in the Revolution. With what regiments they were respectively connected and in what battles they took part the present writer is not able to state. The son of the latter, Nathan Thayer, served in the War of 1812; and Mrs. Davenport's father was a soldier in the late Civil War, a private in Company A, Thirty-first Regiment Massachusetts Volunteers. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have had four children: Clarence, deceased; Gertrude E.; Mabel B.; and Ernest R., deceased. Gertrude E. is the wife of Abijah N. Pierce, now living in Greenfield, engaged in business as a plumber. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have three sons: George N., Abijah D., and Raymond R. Mabel B. Davenport is at home with her parents.

ALONZO GRAVES, a retired farmer of Greenfield, was born in Whately, Franklin County, Mass., April 15, 1818, son of Plyn and Lucinda (Field) Graves. His great-grandfather, Oliver Graves, born in Hatfield about 1725, son of Nathaniel and great-grandson of Thomas Graves, was an early settler of Whately, which place was formerly the northerly part of the town of Hatfield. Selah Graves, son of Oliver, was a successful farmer and the owner of a fine farm in Whately, on which he and his wife, Mary Strong Graves, resided until the time of their death, each living to a good old age. They reared seven sons and two daughters.

Their son Plyn, father of Alonzo Graves, was born February 21, 1786, and spent the whole of his life of seventy-two years in Whately. He was a carpenter and joiner, and gave that trade his principal attention, but also owned and carried on a small farm. He

was a man of sterling character, a Republican in politics, and served his town as Selectman. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucinda Field, died at the age of sixty-six years. They had five sons and four daughters, one of whom died in infancy. The rest grew to maturity, and four are now living, namely: Alonzo; Edward, whose home is in Charlemon; Clarissa, widow of Edward Atkins, residing in Whately; and Jane, widow of Chester G. Craft, residing in Greenfield. The deceased are: Franklin, Noah first, Noah second, Lucinda, and Mary.

Alonzo, who is the eldest of the family surviving, having received his early education in Whately, when fourteen years of age began to learn the trade of carpenter and joiner, and started in business for himself at the age of twenty-one. The first property he ever owned was a saw-mill in Deerfield, which he managed for about twenty years, also owning a small farm at that place. In the spring of 1865 he bought the farm in Greenfield, where he has since resided. In 1870 his buildings were burned to the ground, but with true manly courage he did not let the sun go down on the smouldering ashes before he commenced to get out timber for another house; and in a few days he had erected a new shelter for his family.

In Hawley, Mass., March 27, 1845, when nearly twenty-seven years of age, Mr. Graves was united in marriage to Sophronia G. Rice, who was born in Hawley, October 6, 1824, and died August 26, 1854, leaving four children. Mr. Graves was again married March 21, 1855, to Sophronia L. Field. She was born in Bernardston, in this county, December 26, 1829, daughter of Jesse and Lurancy (Parmenter) Field, both natives of Bernardston, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Field were the parents of six children: Mary H., the first

born, whose birth date was March 30, 1820, died May 30, 1888; Aaron W. died at the age of three; John B., the eldest now living, is a farmer, residing in Bernardston; Harriet L., widow of Otis Chittenden, resides in Hadley, Mass.; Sophronia L. is now Mrs. Graves; and Aaron W., a Congregational preacher of Sandisfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves have a family of seven children, namely: Ashmun T., a farmer of Shelburne, Franklin County; Clark O., also a farmer, residing in Greenfield; Cary C., a resident of Denver, Col.; Sophronia A., wife of Nathan J. Alger, of Cochesett, Mass.; Burke F., residing in Greenfield, where he follows the business of farmer and dairyman; Cyrus S., also a farmer of Greenfield; and Mary L., wife of John D. Cromack, a clerk residing in Greenfield. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Graves are among Greenfield's oldest and most esteemed citizens. Mr. Graves is a Prohibitionist in principle and practice, having never bought a drop of liquor in his life to be used as a beverage. Mrs. Graves is a member of the Baptist church. They have fourteen grandchildren living, and are enjoying their latter days in the consciousness of long years usefully spent, many duties faithfully performed.

GEORGE H. WILKINS, of the firm of Mayhew & Wilkins, silk manufacturers of Shelburne Falls, was born in Antrim, N.H., June 7, 1861, son of Joel N. and Mary E. (Wright) Wilkins. His grandfather, Joel Wilkins, worked at shoemaking during the early part of his life in Antrim, and later owned and cultivated a large farm in the northern part of the town, living to an advanced age.

Joel N. Wilkins was born in Antrim, N.H., June 9, 1828. He attended the dis-

trict schools of his native town and the academy at Hancock, N.H., and, on finishing his education, served an apprenticeship to cabinet-making in Reading, Mass. He spent some time in the West, at Bunker Hill, Ill., but, his health being impaired by the climate, he returned home; and the rest of his life—with the exception of three years spent in Lowell, Mass.—was passed in his native town, working at his trade. He died at the age of fifty-nine. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary E. Wright, was a daughter of Imla and Rachel B. (McMaster) Wright. In politics Mr. Wilkins was a Republican. He was a member of the Methodist church, and his wife was a Presbyterian. They had but one child—our subject.

George H. Wilkins acquired his elementary education in the district schools, and at the early age of thirteen went to work for wages, first obtaining employment in an establishment where apple-parers were manufactured. After that he worked on cutlery at Antrim, N.H., four years, and then entered the silk manufactory of J. N. Kelsea, commencing at the bottom, and winning his way up to the position of overseer of various departments. Intermitting his labors for a time, with a view to finishing his education, he took a course of study at Francestown Academy; and in May, 1881, he was tendered the position of overseer in the silk mills of Streeter & Mayhew at Shelburne Falls, the company being later known as the Mayhew Silk Company. Mr. Wilkins subsequently became superintendent; and in 1891, in company with Francis Mayhew, he rented the building and machinery. Here, under the name of Mayhew & Wilkins, silk commission throwsters, they carry on a thriving business, giving constant employment to sixty-five hands.

Mr. Wilkins was united in marriage No-

vember 19, 1883, to Nellie M., daughter of W. B. and Ann (Orr) Jones, and the following children have blessed their union: Anna M., born January 28, 1887; Marion R., born October 14, 1888; and Bertha E., born September 15, 1891. Mr. Wilkins votes the Republican ticket. He belongs to Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., being at present Grand Master.

GEORGE R. PURINTON, a leading farmer in Colerain and a scion of one of the oldest and most respected families in this vicinity, was born on the farm where he now resides, October 18, 1853, son of Thomas and Eunice (Hawkes) Purinton. The family springs from two brothers, who came from France, and settled in America in Colonial times—one in Maine, the other in Massachusetts. From the latter Mr. Purinton is descended.

His great-grandfather, Joseph Purinton, who settled on this farm in 1784, was the first of the family to live in Colerain. Though a hard-working farmer, he was a well-educated man, and had the Bible at his tongue's end, becoming famous among his neighbors for his ready and apt quotations. He died here at an advanced age. David Purinton, son of Joseph and father of Thomas, was a child of nine years when the family came to Colerain. He, too, was a man of some culture, and took an active interest in educational matters, aiding materially in the establishment of the Franklin Academy at Shelburne Falls. He died on the farm where his father had passed away, and to the ownership of which he had succeeded. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Wilkinson, lived to an advanced age. Grandfather and Grandmother Purinton were Baptists; and he, like his father, was a Deacon.

Thomas Purinton first opened his eyes to the light in the old house where his grandfather and father had looked their last on earth. He was born on October 10, 1825, and spent his life on the farm, taking, nevertheless, an active interest in town and State matters. He was Selectman and Assessor of the town for years, and was Captain in the State militia, being popularly known as Captain Tom Purinton. He died at the old home on April 18, 1879. His widow is still living, and makes her home with her children. Mr. and Mrs. Purinton were members of the Baptist church, he a Deacon, the third of the Purinton family to hold that office. They had seven children, with two of whom they were early called to part—Julia, who died at the age of fifteen, and Myron at two and a half years. Martha is the wife of E. Hillman, of Grand Junction, Iowa; Winnie E. is the wife of Nelson H. Purinton, of Colerain; Marian is the wife of Orrin Purinton, of Worcester, Mass.; and Jesse M. also lives in Worcester.

The childhood of George R. Purinton was spent on the old farm, amid the same scenes and pursuits that had filled the daily life of his ancestors. Besides attending the district school, he studied during two terms at Powers Institute; and at the death of his father, he being then in his twenty-sixth year, he took charge of the home farm, which now covers one hundred and ninety-six acres. Here he carries on general farming and fruit-growing, and has a good dairy, prospering in his line, and taking "no steps backward." The buildings on his farm are among the old landmarks of the town; and the house, which was built about 1827, has the broad and generous proportions characteristic of the domiciles of that day.

On March 8, 1882, Mr. Purinton was married to Hattie M., daughter of Hiram W. and

Melinda W. (Slate) Dean, the former born in Burlington, N.Y., in 1811, the latter in Bernardston, Mass., in 1813. Mr. Dean was a well-to-do farmer, residing in Gill, Mass., for many years, where Mrs. Purinton was born. He was a stanch Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They had eight children, seven of whom are now living; namely, Anjanette, James L., William H., Charles W., Edward P., Clifton S., and Hattie M. (Mrs. Purinton). Mr. and Mrs. Purinton have no children of their own, but have taken into their home an adopted daughter — Eva L. Purinton. Politically, Mr. Purinton favors the cause of prohibition. He maintains the family prestige in the town, holding the office of Selectman four years, and Assessor one year, and attends the Baptist church, of which he is a Deacon, being the fourth of the line of Purinton to hold that office.

HENRY HINSDALE, a prosperous farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Monroe, Franklin County, was born in this town, June 25, 1830, son of Chester and Lucy (Allen) Hinsdale. His grandfather, Darius Hinsdale, was a farmer in Greenfield, Mass., where he died, at the age of fifty-eight years, leaving a widow, Electa Graves Hinsdale, who died there at seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of six children: Daniel A., Chester, Ariel, Ebenezer, Fidelia, and Mary A.

Chester Hinsdale was born in Greenfield, and there in early manhood learned the trades of tanner and shoemaker. He afterward purchased a small tannery, which he ran for a time, also engaging in shoemaking, but at length sold out, and during the succeeding four years carried on his father's farm. He

next purchased fifty acres of land in Monroe, on which he built a log house, and proceeded to clear off the timber. That work being accomplished, he sold the place, and in 1835 bought the farm of two hundred acres on which his son Henry now resides. This farm, which was first settled by Hosea F. Ballou, then consisted for the most part of wild or uncultivated land. Its new owner erected a substantial frame house, and also built a shingle-shop, where for years he was successfully engaged in the manufacture of shingles. In politics Mr. Chester Hinsdale supported the Republican party, and served acceptably in the town offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He was a member of the Universalist church. He died at sixty-seven years of age; and his wife, Lucy Allen Hinsdale, lived to about the same age. They reared ten children, as follows: Daniel A., Miriam, Chester, Henry, Fidelia O., Diana, Lucy, Chester, Electa, and Louisa A.

Henry Hinsdale, who has always lived on the home farm, received his education in the district schools of Monroe. He cared for his parents during their declining years, and at their death purchased the interest of the other heirs, and became the owner of the farm. He has since remodelled the buildings and cleared a good portion of the land. In addition to general farming, he is engaged in dairying, and keeps eight head of choice grade Jersey cows. Mr. Hinsdale's marriage to Miss Hannah L. Porter was solemnized on August 31, 1862. She was born December 19, 1836, daughter of Joseph and Oritha (Whitcomb) Porter, and died January 1, 1887, leaving two children: Lyman E., born May 30, 1869, who died at seven years of age; and Eunice M., born March 17, 1873, who married George H. Bishop, of Readsboro, Vt., and has one child — Gertie — aged two years.

Mr. Hinsdale was again married on April 3, 1885, his bride being Miss Isabel A. Brown, a daughter of Nahum P. and Sarah (Pettingill) Brown, of Cummington. Mr. Brown was born in Florida, Berkshire County, Mass., December 16, 1815, son of Harvey and Rizpah (Thatcher) Brown, the former of whom was a successful farmer of Goshen, where he lived to be forty-five years of age, and his wife seventy-nine years old. They reared six children: Nahum P., Harvey R., Minerva, Almina, Sumner, and Achsah. Nahum P. Brown died January 25, 1878. By his first wife, Sarah Pettingill Brown, who was born May 30, 1817, and died September 3, 1850, he had three children; namely, Osro P., Orrilla E., and Isabell A. Mr. Brown married for his second wife Miss Clarissa Hawkes, who survives him, and is now living in Savoy, having reared five children: Edwin A., Orlene H., Ida S., Achsah, and Inez L. Brown. In political affiliation Mr. Hinsdale is a Republican, and has rendered faithful service in town offices. He is a quiet and unostentatious man, and is esteemed for business ability and sterling character.

LEWIS L. HASTINGS, one of Gill's most progressive and well-to-do farmers, was born in this town, June 5, 1843. His father, Onesimus Hastings, was born in Greenfield, as was also his grandfather, Oliver Hastings, the latter having been a farmer in that town for some years. In 1820 Onesimus Hastings moved to Gill, where he passed the latter years of his life upon the farm now owned by his son, and died here in 1891, at the age of ninety-six. His wife, who before marriage was Mary Newell, was a daughter of Rufus Newell, and was born at Wardsboro, Vt., from which place her

parents moved to Bernardston, Mass., where they resided until their decease. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: Richard, who died in infancy; Mary, who married Josiah Rice, of Greenfield; Laura, widow of William Boyle; Willard; George; Abbie, who married Peter King, of Northampton; and Lewis L. The mother passed her declining years with her son Lewis, but died, at the age of eighty-nine years, at the home of her daughter Laura.

Lewis L. Hastings received a good education in the schools of his native town, and has spent his entire life upon the farm which he now conducts. He tenderly cared for his parents in their old age, and at their decease succeeded to the possession of the old homestead, which is a very desirable piece of farm property, being well improved and in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Hastings is considered by his fellow-townsmen to be one of the most successful farmers in the locality.

On December 30, 1864, he was united in marriage to Martha A. Hayward, daughter of the Rev. Charles and Almira (Stacy) Hayward, of Royalston, Mass. The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Hastings may here be briefly named, as follows: Ellen, now deceased; Jennie, who married Charles Scott, of Rowe; Clarence, now a resident of Louisville, Ky.; Flora; Charles; Lilla Belle and Hattie, deceased. Mrs. Hayward was called to rest at the age of sixty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have two children: Clarence married Minnie Farrel, and lives on an adjoining farm. He has three children: Walter, Lewis, and Myra. Lilla Belle is still at home with her parents.

Mr. Hastings is a Republican in politics, and very active in the local government. Both himself and wife are members of the Methodist church, of which he is a Trustee

and very prominent in all its affairs. Mr. Hastings is a progressive as well as a successful farmer, possessed in a high degree of the intelligence and practical ability needed in these later days to carry on agriculture with profitable results. Mr. Hastings is proud of his Holstein cattle, having a herd of about twenty registered animals, at the head of which we find a noted bull — "Belle Douglass Sir Colantha," No. 18365; "The Black Gal," No. 5071, and Pensi, 2d, No. 9558, the two cows, being the ones from which his herd springs.

SOLOMON H. AMIDON, the original of the portrait on the opposite page, an extensive contractor and builder at Miller's Falls, was born in Monroe, Franklin County, Mass., September 28, 1840. He is a son of David Amidon, a native of Reedsboro, whose father, Jedediah Amidon, was also born in that town, and there followed agricultural pursuits until his decease. David Amidon acquired the trade of shoemaking, at which he labored for some years in Reedsboro, later in life moving to North Adams, Berkshire County, where he died, at the age of sixty-nine years, having been a captain in the State militia. His wife, whose name before her marriage was Bertha Dunbar, was a native of Plymouth, Conn., daughter of Isaiah Dunbar, of that place; and she was the mother of nine children, of whom six are now living, namely: Moses; Charles; William; Sarah Jane, who married John Taft, a resident of North Adams; Lucy M., wife of Stewart Lamon; and Solomon H. Mr. Amidon's parents were members of the Methodist church; and his mother, who died at North Adams at the age of eighty-one years, was especially noted for her earnest piety and Christian-like character.

Solomon H. Amidon received his early education at the schools and academy of North Adams, later attending a select school at Williamstown, and, after completing his studies, went to Greenfield, where he was employed in the planing-shop for a period of three years. He then enlisted as a private in Company G, Tenth Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteers, serving three years, during which time he was promoted to the rank of Corporal. He was discharged at Boston, having been present at most of the famous battles participated in by the Sixth Army Corps. Returning to his former occupation at Greenfield, he was there engaged one year, and then worked as a carpenter in this vicinity until 1865, when he went West, and was employed for a time at Altona, Ill. On his return to the East he settled at Miller's Falls, where he has since resided. He has erected a fine block at this place, the silverware factory at Greenfield, the stone for which he quarried from a ledge near by, and has also built all of the houses on both sides of the river at Miller's Falls, numbering one hundred and forty, together with various factories, churches, and other structures in this locality, having just completed a dam, eighteen feet high and two hundred feet long, across Miller's River, to be used for furnishing electric power for the electric railroad between Miller's Falls and Greenfield.

In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Miriam A. Jones, daughter of Charles H. Jones, of Cortland, N.Y., a cabinet finisher by trade, whose ancestors were New England farmers. Mr. Jones and his wife, Julia Love, of Ithaca, N.Y., still reside at Cortland. They have had four children, two of whom are now living, namely: Miriam A.; and Annette, who married C. H. Cook, of Cortland. Mrs. Amidon's mother is a member of the

Presbyterian church; and her father, together with his ten brothers and sisters, are all united with some church.

Mr. and Mrs. Amidon have three children, namely: Minnie; Charles H., a carpenter, who is engaged in business with his father; and L. E. Cleveland Amidon. Mr. Amidon is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the United Friends at Turner's Falls, is a Democrat in politics, having served as Assessor five years, a member of the Board of Health one year, Road Surveyor and Constable for several years, and is now serving his fourth year as Selectman, having been first elected in 1892. In his religious views he is of the liberal faith; and Mrs. Amidon is still a member of the Presbyterian church of Cortland, N.Y.

MISS CARRIE CANNING, a highly successful teacher, who for some time has been actively identified with the schools of Gill Centre, was born in the town of Gill, where also her father, the late Josiah D. Canning, was born, August 13, 1816. Her grandfather, the Rev. Josiah W. Canning, was a native of New Braintree, Worcester County, Mass., and was the son of Cornelius Canning, who was likewise a native of this State. Two of Miss Canning's great-grandfathers, maternal and paternal, served through the Revolutionary War from the battle of Bunker Hill to the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Josiah W. Canning, who was ordained a minister of the gospel at Gill in 1806, later became a teacher at Williamstown, Mass., and also New York State, and fitted many young men for college. He preached in Gill at two different periods, nearly thirty-six years in all, during the greater part of the time as pastor of the Congregational church,

and died there, at the age of seventy-four or seventy-five years. Throughout his active career as a minister he was exceedingly busy, both in pastoral work and with his pen, and at his decease left a collection of eighteen hundred complete sermons. All of his sons were engaged in editorial or other literary work. His wife, Miss Canning's grandmother, whose maiden name was Almira Smith, and who was a native of New Marlboro, Mass., was the mother of five sons, one of whom, Ebenezer S., an editor at Detroit, died of cholera; another, Edward W. B., studied for the ministry; Josiah D. became a prominent resident of Gill; William Pitt became a surgeon in the navy, and died of yellow fever; Joseph C. was also a surgeon in the navy during the Civil War, and later Internal Revenue Collector at New York City. Mrs. Almira Smith Canning died at Gill, aged seventy-four. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Josiah D. Canning was born and reared on the old Canning homestead, which is situated nearly opposite to his daughter's present residence, and at a very early age exhibited an aptitude for literary pursuits, in which he soon displayed marked ability. At the age of thirteen he constructed a printing-press, and by its aid he inaugurated the publication of a journal known as *The Village Post*. This paper was quite ably conducted, as is shown by its complete file for two years, which is now in possession of his daughter; and, as it had a large circulation, extending from New England to Texas, the juvenile editor and proprietor became favorably known as a writer upon various subjects. Young Canning received a liberal education, and after finishing his studies was employed in a printing-office at Greenfield, from which he later went to Wheeling, West Va., where the journalistic

experience obtained in his youth became of special value to him. Having spent several years in the latter place, he returned to the old homestead for the purpose of assisting in caring for his parents during their declining years. He next engaged in agriculture, varying the monotony of farm life by making frequent and able contributions to different newspapers, which were received with favor, being largely read; and thus he continued to be occupied for the remainder of his active life.

His last literary effort, which was known as "Connecticut River Reeds," was published in 1892, a short time subsequent to his decease, at the age of seventy-five years. Mr. Canning was a strong and well-preserved man both physically and mentally, and had been out and around during the day on which that event occurred. He possessed a very retentive memory, both for places which he had visited and the vast amount of literature which had fallen under his notice; and his fame as a writer not only extended over the United States, but also reached across the Atlantic, his work receiving most favorable commendation on the other side. He was Town Clerk and Treasurer for at least a quarter of a century, and was chosen Selectman, but was prevented from serving in that capacity by excessive labor in other directions. He was a member of the State legislature in 1866, served as Postmaster for fifty years, and frequently appeared as an orator in different sections of the State, he being a widely known and thoroughly-respected citizen. Some of the older readers of these pages will, no doubt, recall the fact that a collection of poems by Josiah D. Canning was published in 1838, and that in 1852 another volume, entitled "Harp and Plough," was also issued by him, which enjoyed a very extensive sale.

He married in 1842 Josephine M. Purple, daughter of Ezra Purple, a farmer, who resided at what was known as Grass Hill Farm, now the site of the Mount Hermon School. Her family was a prominent one in that locality, a brother having been upon the School Board for many years; and her parents died at the old homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Canning were the parents of six children, namely: Nellie, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Clara, who died aged about eighteen months; George, who occupies the old Canning homestead; Donald, who died in Florida, aged twenty-nine years; Sarah, who married E. S. Chapin, a business man of Boston, and resides in Cambridge; and Carrie, whose name introduces the present sketch. The mother passed from earth at the age of fifty-nine years. She was an attendant of the Congregational church.

Miss Carrie Canning, who seems to have inherited from her father a love of learning and a capacity for scholarly attainments, after completing the usual course provided at the district school, pursued more advanced studies successively at Bernardston and at the Berkshire Institute in New Marlboro. She then commenced the arduous profession of teaching in her native town, her superior natural abilities and well-trained mind standing her in such good stead that she has continued to preside over one school for a period of twenty-seven consecutive terms. She has always displayed a deep and undivided interest in her work, and has never allowed outside matters of any kind to interfere with proper attention to her professional duties, testimony as to her personal worth, her sound judgment, and practical ability as an educator being afforded by the fact that for three years she has been called upon to serve as a member of the School Board.

EUGENE A. NEWCOMB, junior member of the firm of Sheldon & Newcomb, hardware merchants, of Greenfield, has filled the office of Treasurer of Franklin County with fidelity and ability continuously since his first appointment to this responsible position in June, 1891, having given such universal satisfaction that he was elected November, 1891, for three years, and for another term of three years in November, 1895. He is a native of the county, having been born November 17, 1851, in the town of Leyden, on the same farm on which his father, Thomas Jefferson Newcomb, first drew the breath of life in 1808.

The latter was of the eighth generation in direct line from Captain Andrew Newcomb, a well-known shipmaster on the New England coast in his day, who married his second wife in Boston in 1663. The intervening generations were successively represented by a second Andrew, who bore the title Lieutenant; Simon; Hezekiah, born in 1694; Peter, 1718; Hezekiah, 1747; and Hezekiah, 3d. Lieutenant Andrew, who was son of Captain Newcomb's first wife, was living, it is supposed, on or near the Isles of Shoals in 1666, but removed with his family about 1675 to Edgartown, on Martha's Vineyard. His son Simon, who was born about the year 1666, removed in 1713 to Lebanon, Conn. In that old town was born in 1769 Simon's great-grandson, Hezekiah, who is recorded as having been Justice of the Peace thirty years and a member of the General Court twenty years. This was when he was living in Bernardston, Mass., in the western part, now Leyden, to which place he removed with his parents when about three years old. Thomas Jefferson Newcomb was devoted to farming during his early life, but afterward travelled for a commercial house until 1877, when he retired from active pur-

suits. In 1835 he married Rebecca S. Hitchcock, a native of New York City; and they became the parents of twelve children, of whom three sons and five daughters grew to mature years, and are yet living.

Eugene A. Newcomb was always of an energetic and self-reliant disposition; and, although he was obliged to contribute toward his own support from the time he was eleven years old, first beginning work for the neighboring farmers during the summer seasons, and attending school in winters only, he obtained a good and practical education. When a little older, he worked in Guilford and South Deerfield throughout the harvest season, and in the winter was a student at Powers Institute, Bernardston, where he made excellent use of his time. Mr. Newcomb began his mercantile career as a clerk in the hardware store of George A. Arms in this city, selling goods for him for eleven years, in that time becoming conversant with every detail of the business. In 1881 Mr. Newcomb and his present partner, John Sheldon, bought out the stock and good will of his former employer; and they have since carried on an extensive and lucrative business, with an enviable reputation for fair dealing. Mr. Newcomb is noted for his good judgment; and he possesses traits of character that have given him influence in business, political, and social circles, and gained him a host of friends and well-wishers. In politics he zealously supports the Republican party, and for many years has been one of the Greenfield Board of Registrars, and is at present one of the Water Commissioners. He is prominent in the society of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs of the subordinate lodge, and is a supporter of the Congregational church, of which he and his wife are attendants.

Mr. Newcomb was united in marriage May

10, 1872, to Hannah T. Deakin, who was born in Sheffield, England, January 23, 1851, and at the age of thirteen years came with her parents, William and Hannah T. (Thompson) Deakin, to this country. Her father was for many years a commercial traveller, but subsequently established himself in the coal business in London, England. He is now living in Philadelphia, Pa., and has retired from active pursuits. His wife died in 1876, in the fifty-third year of her age, leaving three sons and two daughters. The wedded pathway of Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb has been brightened by the birth of four children, namely: William J., a graduate of the Greenfield High School, now a clerk in his father's store; Edith, who was graduated from the same school in 1895; E. Robert, twelve years of age; and Rebecca S., a bright little miss, two and one-half years old. They have a very pleasant home at 18 Highland Avenue, into which they moved in 1888, and where their many friends are always sure of a warm greeting.

HENRY J. SMITH, one of Colerain's representative citizens, owns a productive farm near Griswoldville, and occupies a fine comfortable residence, which he erected in 1894. He is the descendant of an old family, his ancestors having settled here at an early date. He was born at Colerain, February 15, 1847, son of David and Emeline (Johnson) Smith, the father being a native of the above-named town. The grandfather, John Smith, was also born in Colerain, a son of David, one of the early settlers of the town, who there passed his life in agricultural pursuits. John Smith was a successful farmer and a very prominent citizen, holding various town offices. The latter portion of his life was passed in New York State,

where he died, at the age of nearly eighty years. He was a Whig in politics and an attendant of the Baptist church.

David Smith, father of our subject, passed his entire life in Colerain, where he became a prosperous farmer, and, besides the old Smith homestead, owned at one time about six hundred acres of land, being one of the most extensive farmers of the town. He served as a Selectman and Assessor, and was for many years a member of the School Board. He was liberal in his religious views, and in politics was a Republican. His death occurred in his seventy-ninth year. His wife died at the age of seventy-four, having been the mother of eight children — six sons and two daughters — as follows: Lysander and Eva, both residents of Greenfield; Emma, a twin sister of Eva, residing in Charlemont; Henry J., the principal subject of this article; Edwin C. and Charles W., both of Colerain; Frank A., of Shelburne Falls, and Fred A., twins, who reside in Greenfield.

Mr. Smith received his education in the schools of Colerain and Shelburne. He adopted agriculture as an occupation, and remained at home until reaching the age of twenty-five, at which time he moved to Cortland County, New York. After residing there for seven years, he returned to Colerain, and some years later, in 1888, purchased his present farm, a part of his grandfather's original estate, which has been in the family for a period of one hundred years. He now possesses two hundred acres of very valuable land, upon which he conducts general farming, giving special attention to dairying.

On September 20, 1872, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Lelia Mather, of Colerain, daughter of Frederick and Betsey Mather; and they have five children, as follows: Allen F., a clerk at Griswoldville;

William D.; Emma B.; Frederick; and Sarah—all of whom reside at home. Mrs. Smith's parents are no longer living. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and has served as Selectman two years and Assessor one year. He is industrious and energetic as a farmer, and is a gentleman, courteous and affable in manner. He is liberal in his religious views, while Mrs. Smith is a member of the Methodist church.

JOSEPH H. LAMB, proprietor of a finely equipped store at 8 Bank Row, in Greenfield, carries a fine stock of musical merchandise of all kinds, also watches, jewelry, and spectacles, in which he has a large and profitable trade. He is a native of the Green Mountain State, born October 11, 1830, in the town of Vernon, where his father, Mason Lamb, was engaged in general farming for many years.

Mr. Lamb's paternal grandfather, Nathan Lamb, was a descendant of a captain in the British army, who emigrated to the United States about the time of the Revolution, and soon after the close of that war settled at Framingham, Mass. He there married Lucy Pepper, and after a few years of farming in that vicinity removed in 1799 to Guilford, Vt., where his death occurred in 1809. His widow survived him many years, dying in 1854, at the ripe old age of eighty-six. They reared a large family of children, of whom one son, Amherst Lamb, was a Baptist minister of ability and mark, having been ordained to his sacred calling December 18, 1821, in the town of Guilford. He was at one time a representative to the Vermont legislature from the town of Whitingham, where he was long a resident, and where he departed this life in 1870, aged seventy-four years, leaving two

sons. Another son, John Lamb, was a noted local preacher of the Methodist denomination.

Mason Lamb was born in 1799, probably in Guilford, Vt., and was a practical and prosperous tiller of the soil. After his marriage he settled on a farm which he bought in the town of Vernon. His earthly career was not long as measured by years, his death occurring in 1848, while he was yet in the prime of manhood. He married on April 9, 1828, Mrs. Alice Pierce Tyler, a daughter of Benjamin and Lucinda (Sargeant) Pierce, of Dummerston, Vt., where she was born in 1795. Several children were the fruit of this union, of whom two died in childhood, and three are now living, namely: Joseph H., of whom we write; Lucy Ann, wife of William Cole, of Putney, Vt.; and Albert E., of this city. The mother had been previously married, her first husband, to whom she was united December 6, 1819, having been Jesse Tyler, a well-to-do farmer, who died in his thirty-fourth year, leaving her a fair estate and a family of six little ones, of whom the following is a brief mention: Roxanna is the wife of George W. Kinney, of Perkinsville, Vt.; Sophia, of Worcester, Mass., is the widow of the late Jesse Frost; Nancy M. is the widow of Rufus Scott, of Dummerston, Vt.; Betsey, widow of Orrin Weatherhead, of Guilford, Vt.; Jesse died in Guilford; and Benjamin P., a resident of Staceyville, Iowa. The mother lived to a venerable age, dying in 1873.

Joseph H. Lamb was reared a farmer's boy in his Vermont home, and after leaving the district school was a student for a year and a half at the village academy. He early became familiar with agricultural labors; but, finding them neither pleasant nor profitable to him, he left home in the spring of 1851 to seek his fortune in Greenfield, and the first year thereafter worked for the Russell Cutlery Company,

during the next six years being employed by the Greenfield Tool Company. Prudent in his expenditures and wise in his savings, Mr. Lamb had by this time accumulated some money; and now, in partnership with one of his associates, he opened a grocery store and restaurant. Six months later he bought out his partner, and continued the business alone until 1861. In 1866 he embarked in his present enterprise. Having begun with sales of the Estey organ, which has a world-wide renown, he has added other instruments and all kinds of musical articles, being the oldest man in the music trade in this part of Massachusetts. He has met with excellent success in his business, and has the reputation of being a thoroughly trustworthy man to deal with.

On the 6th of July, 1854, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Potter, daughter of George W. and Betsey G. (Guillow) Potter; and very soon after they settled in the home they now occupy, at 58 Federal Street. Their home circle was gradually increased by the birth of seven children, of whom we record the following: George F., a wholesale grain dealer in this city, has a wife and two children; Joseph E., who is in the grocery and grain business in Greenfield, has a wife and four children; F. A. Lamb, who is in the employment of his brother, has a wife and two sons; Isabelle, the widow of Z. L. Snow, resides at Melrose Highlands, near Boston, and has one son; Nettie, the wife of A. E. Snow, also resides at Melrose Highlands, and has one son and one daughter; Grace L., who was educated at Wilbraham, Mass., is an assistant in her father's store; and Bonner M. is a young law student at the Albany Law School. Mr. Lamb is a Master Mason, and, politically, a Prohibitionist from the Republican ranks, taking an intelligent interest in local

and State affairs, but has never sought or desired public office. Since November 12, 1865, he has been an active member of the Methodist church, which he has served as Steward, Trustee, and superintendent of the Sunday-school for a quarter of a century.

JOSEPH D. NOYES, a successful and progressive farmer in Colerain, was born in Guilford, a border town of Vermont, May 30, 1823, son of James and Mary (Taylor) Noyes, both natives of Guilford. His grandfather, John Noyes, was one of the pioneer settlers of South Guilford, coming there from Rhode Island with his young wife, who belonged to the Rogers family. They journeyed from that State on horseback to their new home, daring the perils of the wilderness with quiet heroism. On the way they were often saluted with, "Going where the Indians will kill you!" and she calmly answered, "I am going." Their destination safely reached, Grandfather Noyes made a clearing and built a small log house; and Grandmother Noyes soon had given to the rude dwelling the air of home comfort that only a woman knows how to impart. As the settlement grew, Grandfather Noyes became a prominent man in the community. He was a staunch Democrat, and was the first man sent to the State legislature to represent the town of Guilford. He and his wife believed firmly in the sustaining power of religion, and were professing members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had seven children, as follows: John, Nathan, Prentiss, Joseph, Isaac, James, and Betsey, all of whom are deceased.

James Noyes, son of John, also spent his days in Guilford, residing on the farm cleared by his father, to which he added considerably, also erecting new buildings. His farm cov-

ered two hundred and fifty acres, and was one of the best in that part of the town. He was an 'industrious and capable farmer, a man of good judgment in affairs. A Democrat in political views, he held many offices, being chief Selectman for several years, and Justice of the Peace for forty years. He died at the old farm at the age of eighty-four, and his wife passed away at eighty-three. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had eight children, five daughters and three sons, four of whom are now living, Hannah, Mary Ann, Almira, and James M. being deceased. The others are located as follows: Harriet, Mrs. Carpenter, in Boston; Betsey, Mrs. Burdick, in Guilford; Jeremiah, in Brattleboro, Vt.; Joseph D., who is the youngest in the family, in Colerain.

Joseph attended the district schools of Guilford in his boyhood, and continued living in that town and working at farming until February, 1850, when he moved to Colerain, and took charge of Mr. Franklin's farm. After being thus engaged for twenty-seven years, on New Year's Day, 1879, Mr. Noyes moved to his present residence. His estate comprises two hundred and fifty acres, in good cultivation, with well-made and convenient buildings, and every needed facility for skillfully carrying on general farming, as he evidently does, with intelligent painstaking and to good profit.

On January 5, 1848, Mr. Noyes was married to Elvira Franklin, daughter of Aaron and Sarah (Stowell) Franklin, who was born December 7, 1824. Her father was a native of Guilford, a hard-working farmer and a good citizen, a Democrat in politics and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Franklin spent his last years at the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Noyes, dying at the age of ninety-one. His wife, Sarah, whose maiden

name was Stowell, was born in Bainbridge, Chenango County, N. Y., and died at the age of fifty-eight. She, too, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the four daughters born to her were brought up in that faith. They were as follows: Elvira, wife of Mr. Noyes; Augusta, Mrs. Esterbrook, living in Iowa; Mary Ann, Mrs. Barber, in Kankakee, Ill.; Sophia, Mrs. Cobb, who died in Chicago, Ill., at the age of fifty-eight. Mr. and Mrs. Noyes had one daughter, Elladora S., who was born December 21, 1850, married Robert Miller, and died February 9, 1888, leaving no children. Mr. Miller lives with his father-in-law, ably assisting him in the management of the farm. In politics Mr. Noyes is a Democrat, and in religion holds liberal views. Though working late and early and hardly knowing what rest means, he enjoys perfect health, and has required the attendance of a physician but once in his life.

PROCTOR P. PURPLE, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Franklin County, Massachusetts, residing in Gill, near the Centre, was born in this town October 27, 1826. He is a son of Roswell Purple, a native of Bernardston, and grandson of John Purple, who was a farmer residing in that town, a prominent citizen in his time.

Roswell Purple, having been reared to agricultural pursuits, purchased a farm in Gill, on which he built a fine house and barn, took to himself a wife, and devoted his attention to farming till his sons were grown up. He then purchased a hotel at Gill Centre, and took the management of the stage routes of the locality, many stages being under his direction. Later he sold the hotel, and returned to the farm, where he lived to the remarkably advanced age

of ninety-four years, vigorous and well-preserved to the last. He was a well-known auctioneer in this vicinity, following that business, as occasion called, till eighty years of age. Mr. Roswell Purple held many civil offices in the town. He was on the Board of Selectmen many years, and he was an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor. In politics he was an old-fashioned Whig.

The maiden name of his wife was Mary Roberts. She was the daughter of Amaziah Roberts, a farmer for many years in the town of Gill, and was born on the old homestead where Mr. Purple now lives. She died in Gill, at the age of seventy-four. Her only brother was named Ozias. The children of Roswell and Mary Purple, who grew to maturity, were thirteen in number, of whom seven are still living. Their names are here given, as follows: Nancy, widow of George Brock, of Athol; Proctor P.; Clarissa, wife of Obed Morgan, of Deerfield; Eliza, wife of Abner Bascomb; Edwin; Sophia, wife of Edgar Hale, of Springfield, Mass.; and Henry.

Proctor P. Purple spent his early years with his father, attending the schools of the town, and at eighteen began work for himself on a railroad; but after a time he returned to his father's farm. In 1864 he came to his present farm of one hundred and twenty acres, on which he has since resided, giving his principal attention to dairying. In 1847 Mr. Purple was married to Miss Isabel Holton, a daughter of Horace and Polly (Dickinson) Holton. Her father was born in Northfield, and both he and his father, John Holton, said to have been a Lieutenant in the Revolution, were farmers, who spent their lives in that town. Mrs. Purple's mother, Mrs. Polly Dickinson Holton, was a daughter of Benoni Dickinson, and was born in Northfield, where her father was a farmer. She was one of seven children,

and became the mother of thirteen, three only of that number having survived till now. The names of the three are Horace, Isabel (Mrs. Purple), and Fidelia. Mrs. Holton died in Northfield, at the age of ninety-eight. She was a member of the Unitarian church. Horace Holton died April 22, 1858, aged about seventy-seven years.

Mr. and Mrs. Purple have had three children, two of whom are now living, namely: Florine, wife of William Richmond, a manufacturer of saddlery in Waterbury, Conn.; and Clayton, who was born on the old homestead, January 1, 1854, and is now in charge of the farm. He married in February of 1881 Miss Stella F. Lander, daughter of Benjamin Lander, a farmer of Greenfield; and they have four children: Warren Ray, Bessie E., Isabel M., and Carl Clayton. Mr. Purple and his son are Democrats in their political principles, and the former has been Tax Collector for many years. He and his household occupy a prominent position among the old, well-to-do families of Greenfield, the home of so many generations.

ALONZO G. MINER, who has been intimately associated with the mercantile interests of Greenfield for upward of twoscore years, is one of its representative citizens, and in every respect merits the high esteem universally accorded him. He was born in the town of Colerain, this county, in February, 1826, and is a lineal descendant of Thomas Miner, who emigrated from England in 1641, he being probably the first of the name to settle in America. He settled in Connecticut, the second in line of descent being Elnathan Miner, followed by his son Nathan Miner, the next generation being represented by the paternal grandfather of the subject of this sketch, Richardson Miner, who

was born in Hartford, Conn., in 1748, and late in life drew a pension for his services in the Revolutionary War.

He was a saddler and harness-maker by trade, and long followed that occupation; but in the year 1802 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres in the town of Colerain. He made the journey hither from Stonington, Conn., on horseback, bringing the silver to the amount of two thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars, to pay for his land, in his saddle-bags. This homestead property has ever since been in the possession of the family, Mr. Alonzo G. Miner having now held the deed of it for a quarter of a century. Richardson Miner married Sarah Holeman, of Hartford, the daughter of a sea captain, who met a tragic death, having been taken prisoner by the British, and, as the tradition is, by them poisoned. Mrs. Sarah H. Miner bore five daughters and two sons, and lived to quite an old age. After her decease her husband married again at the age of seventy-five years, and lived with his second wife a period of twenty-two years, his demise occurring in his ninety-seventh year. He was very active in religious works, and for many years served as Deacon of the Congregational church.

Gilbert S. Miner, who became the father of Alonzo G., was born February 9, 1792, at Stonington, Conn., and in early life learned the mason's trade, which he carried on in connection with general farming, on the paternal homestead, at Colerain. He was very active in military circles, being for twenty-seven years Captain of a company, which he called out at the beginning of the war of 1812. In 1814 he married Betsey Lyons, daughter of Jerry Lyons, of Colerain, and they became the parents of seven children: Mary R., who became the wife of Joel A. Hall, of Charlemont, and died in Keokuk, Ia., leaving one

daughter; Elizabeth S., now the widow of Joel Wilson, living in Greenfield; Sophronia A., who married Charles A. Shearer, and died in Colerain, leaving two sons and two daughters; Emily A., who died of consumption at the age of nineteen years; Alonzo G.; Melissa N., Mrs. L. B. Stewart, of Colerain, who died at the age of twenty-four years, leaving an infant daughter; and Jerry L., who resides on the old homestead. The father departed this life in 1865, aged seventy-three years, and the mother in 1873, at the age of fourscore years.

Alonzo G. Miner acquired his education in the district and a select school, living on the home farm until twenty-two years of age, when he started out in life on his own account, trying various kinds of employment, being for some time a pedler. In 1853 he came to Greenfield as a clerk in the mercantile house of his brother-in-law, Joel Wilson, who was an extensive dealer in windows, doors, blinds, and paper hangings. Three years later Mr. Miner became an equal partner with Mr. Wilson; but in 1861 Gideon H. Strong purchased Mr. Wilson's interest, and the firm, under the name of Miner & Strong, carried on a good business for six years, when Mr. Wilson again became interested, being for ten years the firm known as J. Wilson & Co. In 1877 Mr. Miner bought the entire business, which he has since controlled, and, in addition to his previous stock, has added paints, oils, and varnishes, having now a very large and lucrative trade. He possesses excellent practical ability, and has a first-class reputation as an honorable and upright man of business.

Mr. Miner was married June 5, 1849, to Sybil A. Shepardson, to whom he had been devoted from childhood days, when they attended the same school. They removed to Greenfield in 1854, at once taking possession of their pleasant home, at No. 30 Chapman

Street. After more than forty years of happy wedlock, and having reared four children, Mrs. Miner passed onward to the home above on April 25, 1892. Four children have been born of their union. The youngest daughter, Lillian E. S., the wife of Merrill P. Reed, died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving two sons and one daughter. The only surviving daughter, Rosa E. A. Miner, who keeps house for her father, has inherited musical talent from her father and mother, is accomplished both in vocal and instrumental music, and has been organist at the Methodist Episcopal church for several years. One son, Clarence H. G. Miner, for seventeen years commercial traveller for a New York house, resides in Dorchester, Mass., and has a wife and one son, Roy M. Simpson; and Carroll A. L. Miner, a salesman in Chicago, is married, but has no children.

In politics Mr. Miner was reared a Whig, but has been an ardent supporter of the Republican party since its formation. In his early years he was a regular attendant of the Congregational church, in which faith he was reared; but some forty-three years ago he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been an official member much of the time since, taking a leading part in its prayer meetings and song services, and, as a member of the choir, playing the violin.

MRS. LOUISA D. CHENERY, a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Montague, widow of Hollis Chenery, formerly a prominent merchant of this pleasant town in the Connecticut valley, was born in Heath, a neighboring town in Franklin County, Massachusetts, in 1818. She is a daughter of Aaron Brown, a native of that town, and grand-daughter of Deacon John

Brown, one of the early settlers of Heath, who carried on farm operations during most of his life there. Aaron was one of thirteen children, and lived with the family at the homestead, where he was brought up a farmer, and took care of his parents in their old age. He married Miss Rebecca Dickinson, who was born in Hatfield, being one of a family of five children of Daniel Dickinson; and their later years were spent at the old Dickinson homestead in Hatfield, amid the scenes of her youth. Aaron Brown died at the age of seventy-two years. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church in Heath, and were parents of two children, namely: John; and Louisa Dickinson, who became Mrs. Chenery.

Louisa Dickinson Brown resided in Heath during her early childhood, and at nine years of age went to her mother's early home in Hatfield, where she remained until her marriage. She attended the schools of the vicinity, and later became a teacher. On March 9, 1845, she was married to Mr. Hollis Chenery, a native of Montague, whose father, Nathan Chenery, was a life-long resident and a successful merchant of that town. His mother was before her marriage Miss Sophia Gunn; and she became the mother of five children, none of whom are now living. Her death took place in Montague.

Hollis Chenery was educated in the best schools of the locality, and began his mercantile career with an uncle in the town of Gill, Franklin County. Later he went West as far as the Mississippi River, and settled in Fulton, Ill., where he established a business of his own, which he carried on with success until the death of his brother, who had been engaged in mercantile business in Montague. Mr. Chenery, then concluding to take up his brother's work, left Fulton in 1842, and, re-



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turning East, established himself in Montague, where he conducted a successful trade until his death in 1850, at the early age of thirty-five years. Only one child had been born to him and his wife, a daughter named Harriet L., who is not now living. Mr. and Mrs. Chenery have been highly respected in the community; and Mrs. Chenery, an exemplary member of the Congregational church, who is now in her seventy-seventh year, with well-preserved faculties, intelligent and active, is passing the serene sunset of a life early clouded by bereavement, cherishing the memory of her husband and daughter, who have but gone before, soothed by the love and regard of appreciating neighbors and friends, and trusting in the Grace Divine that ruleth all things well.

Mr. Hollis Chenery was a Whig in politics. In his brief active career he acquired a reputation as a capable, energetic, and substantial man of business. We are happy to present his portrait herewith as that of a representative Franklin County tradesman of the first half of the century.

WILLIAM E. TRAVER, a wealthy native resident of Greenfield, now living in retirement, is the son of Philip and Matilda Traver. His father was born in New York State.

After acquiring his education, William E. Traver entered the Franklin National Bank as a clerk, from which he rapidly rose to a high position of trust and responsibility; but failing health compelled him to relinquish active business, thus depriving the community of the services of one whose career had promised so much future usefulness. On March 11, 1884, Mr. Traver wedded Mrs. Julia Demarest, widow of the late James Demarest, and daughter of Joseph P. and Lucy (Fiske) Hale. Her father was born at Bernardston, Franklin

County, Mass., October 24, 1819; and her mother, whose birth occurred at Kinderhook, N.Y., on May 7 of the same year, was reared and educated at Lexington, Mass.

Joseph P. Hale in his earlier years followed the trade of a house painter, later becoming a contractor and builder at Worcester, Mass., from which city he went to New York, where he was for a time engaged in the crockery business. He became interested in pianoforte-making, and eventually entered largely into the business, which through his energy developed into an important industry, the Hale piano occupying a conspicuous place among its competitors. He conducted an extensive and very successful business, pecuniarily as well as otherwise, which he continued until about the year 1873, when impaired health caused him to retire permanently from active pursuits. He died October 15, 1883, leaving a widow and two daughters: Augusta Hale, who married Charles H. Stone, and died August 27, 1887, at the age of thirty-eight years, having had two sons; and Julia, wife of William E. Traver.

Julia Hale was carefully educated in New York City, where she attended the public schools, and later completed her studies at a private institution of learning. On July 12, 1870, she was united in marriage to her first husband, Dr. James H. Demarest, grandson of a wealthy New Jersey landholder, who was an early settler in that State, owning at one time a tract of valuable land twenty miles in length, and extending from the Hudson River inland two miles. Dr. Demarest, who was a successful dental practitioner, died on March 21, 1876, leaving two children: Josie M., now a young lady residing with her mother; and Samuel A., who is at present a student at the New York Dental College.

Mr. and Mrs. Traver have had two children,

namely: Alfred William, who died January 14, 1885; and Arthur E., now a bright and promising lad of seven years. They occupy a very handsome and substantial residence at No. 2 Church Street, which was erected by Mr. Traver's father in 1892. Mrs. Traver's mother, Mrs. Lucy F. Hale, who, although now seventy-six years of age, is still active both mentally and physically, resides in New York City. She is a member of the Blue Anchor Society, the aim of which is to provide for the wants of shipwrecked sailors.

CHARLES BOWKER, M.D., a well-known physician and public-spirited citizen of Bernardston, was born in the town of Savoy, Berkshire County, Mass., September 16, 1824, son of Melvin and Betsy (Willett) Bowker. Dr. Bowker's grandfather, Liberty Bowker, was a native of Pembroke, Plymouth County, Mass., where the family was numbered among the early settlers. He was a box-maker in his earlier days, and later in life became a hotel proprietor in Savoy, Mass., where he died at seventy-two years of age. His wife's maiden name was Guernsey. They had a family of four sons and two daughters, all of whom grew up, and one, Calvin Bowker, still lives in South Adams, Mass. The others were: Melvin, father of Dr. Bowker; David; and James Madison. One daughter married Jesse W. Johnson, the other married Robert Sturtevant. Dr. Bowker's maternal grandfather, John Willett, a farmer and manufacturer of ship's spars, residing in the town of Hanson, Plymouth County, Mass., was also a native of Massachusetts, and was a successful business man. He died on his farm at Hanson, when over eighty years of age. He and his wife had a family of three sons and two daughters, all of whom are now deceased.

Melvin Bowker, son of Liberty Bowker, was born in Pembroke, Mass., March 13, 1798. At an early age he went to Hanson, and there grew to manhood. Later he owned a good farm at Savoy, and carried on a successful business of farming and dairying. He died in that town at the age of seventy-seven years. His first wife, Betsy Willett by maiden name, was born in Hanson, Plymouth County, and died when her son Charles was four years old. After her death Mr. Bowker married Electa Mason, who died when about seventy-seven years of age. Politically, he was a Democrat, till the formation of the Republican party, when he joined that party, and remained a faithful adherent till the time of his death. He was for many years a Selectman, and also held the offices of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer; and in 1839 and 1840 he was a Representative in the State legislature. Mr. Bowker had four children by his first wife, two of whom, Calvin and Betsy, died in infancy. One son, Alonzo Melvin Bowker, M.D., died at about forty years of age, his brother Charles, subject of the present sketch, being the only one now living. By the second marriage Melvin Bowker had one daughter, Sarah Frances, who married Henry Thayer, of Adams, Mass.

Charles Bowker grew to manhood in the little hill town of Savoy, Berkshire County; and the foundation of his education was laid in the public schools of that place. Commencing at the age of nineteen years, he taught school for eight years, and then began the study of medicine under the instruction of his brother, Alonzo M. Bowker, after which he attended the Medical College of Pittsfield, Mass., for three years, graduating in the year 1854. He began practice in Readsboro, Vt., remaining there a short time, when he removed to Plainfield and stayed one year, re-

turning thence to Savoy, where he remained four years. The next four years were spent in Wilbraham. In 1864 he served one year in the United States Service as Contract Surgeon, and was in the hospitals of Washington and Alexandria. The following year he settled in Bernardston, and has remained here ever since, being now the oldest physician in the town.

Dr. Bowker was married in 1847 to Delcy D. Dunham, who was born in Savoy, and died in 1852, leaving no children. In 1853 he married his second wife, Harriett P. Dawes, who was born in Berkshire County, daughter of Samuel and Philena E. (Humie) Dawes, the former of whom was born in Windsor, June 19, 1798, and his wife at the same place, June 5, 1804, both being now deceased. They had two children: Harriett P., now Mrs. Bowker; and her sister, the wife of George Crittenden, of Shelburne Falls.

Dr. and Mrs. Bowker are both members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bernardston, he being on the official board of that church. They have six children living. One son, Charles Willett, died at the age of two and one-half years. The others are: Delcy Harriett, who was born in Savoy, February 21, 1854, married George W. Swasey, and resides in Centralia, Wash., where she is a teacher of music; Alphonso V., born in Savoy, January 17, 1857, now a physician at Athol; Samuel Dawes, a medical practitioner, born in Wilbraham, June 22, 1863, living at Rowe, Franklin County; Arthur Hume, born in Bernardston, April 18, 1867, employed in the shoe factory at Athol; Effie L., born in Bernardston, September 13, 1868, a book-keeper in Greenfield; Rosa Evelyn, born in Bernardston, March 16, 1870, a music teacher living with her parents; Charles M. Bowker, born in Wilbraham, July 10, 1860, and died March 2, 1863.

Dr. Bowker is a prominent and esteemed citizen of his town. He is now Chairman of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor, and is serving his fourth term as Selectman. He is also a trustee of the Cushman Library, and has been a trustee of the high school since first coming to Bernardston.

LYDIA E. STOCKWELL, whose family name has been known in the annals of New England for several generations, is an esteemed resident of the town of Gill. She was born in Hadley, Hampshire County, daughter of Flavel Stockwell, whose early ancestors emigrated from England to the United States in old Colonial times. In the history of Sutton, Mass., it is said that the emigrant ancestor settled in Ipswich, married, and had five sons—William, John, Jonathan, Ebenezer, and David—all of whom settled in Sutton. The first John Stockwell married and had several children, including a son John, who, according to the same record, married first, in 1730, Margaret Smith, of Andover; second, Lydia Elliott, in 1737; and, third, Lydia King, in 1749. John Stockwell, a descendant of the Sutton family of Stockwells, became one of the prominent farmers of Leverett in this county, where he spent his last years.

His son, Charles Stockwell, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Athol, Mass., and for a number of years a resident of that town. He was a sturdy tiller of the soil, and made his first purchase of land in the town of Colerain, where he lived a short time, but later became one of the pioneers of Leverett, in that capacity assisting in its development and growth. He finally went to New York, and was never heard from in these parts afterward. He married Martha Moore,

who bore him six children: Dexter, Daniel, Flavel, Mary, Stillman, and Eliza.

Flavel Stockwell was born during the residence of his parents in Colerain, and was there educated in its district schools, on the home farm in Leverett being drilled in the elementary branches of agriculture. At the age of eighteen years he removed to Hadley, where he learned the trade of a broom-maker, which seemed to him preferable to farming. He worked at that until 1830, when he came to Gill. Here he purchased the property now owned by his daughter Lydia, and engaged in the occupation to which he was reared, becoming a successful agriculturist. The estate consists of eighty acres of land, all of which he placed under cultivation, making many and substantial improvements, continuing here until his death, in 1876, at the age of seventy-four years.

His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Merriman, was a daughter of Elijah Merriman and grand-daughter of Samuel Merriman, both of whom were life-long residents and well-known farmers of Northfield, Mass. Elijah Merriman married Rebecca Clendenning, and they settled on a farm in Northfield, and there they reared their three children: Rebecca, the eldest, who married Flavel Stockwell; Elijah, named for his father; and Lydia, the wife of Nathan Smith, now living in Clinton. Mr. and Mrs. Flavel Stockwell became the parents of five children, namely: Elijah S. and Lucy Ann, twins, both deceased, the former at the age of nineteen years, and the latter twenty-one; Luther A., also deceased; Ellen Rebecca, who married William H. Deane, and died leaving two daughters — Carrie Leona and Lucy Irene; and Lydia, of whom we write. Mrs. Stockwell, who survived her husband many years, resided on the Stockwell homestead, tenderly cared for by her daughter

Lydia until her death, June 8, 1892, at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. She was a woman of rare personal worth and greatly beloved, a firm and trustful believer in the truths of Christianity, and with her family was a regular attendant of the Congregational church.

Lydia was a little girl of six years when her parents removed to the home which she now owns and where she has since lived. In her younger days she was thoroughly drilled in the domestic arts, and, after arriving at years of maturity, devoted herself to the care of her parents, lovingly administering to their wants, making the last years of their earthly life comfortable and happy. On the death of her sister Ellen she adopted the two orphan girls, Carrie L. and Lucy I., and gave them a mother's care. They received excellent educational advantages, attending the Powers Institute, and afterward completing their studies at Northfield Seminary, where they took a special course. Carrie Leona still lives with her aunt; and Lucy Irene is the wife of Franklin P. Grout, a native of Warwick, but now a prosperous farmer of Gill. Inheriting the religious belief of her worthy parents, Miss Stockwell is a regular attendant of the Congregational church, and is active in charitable works.

VISENLIO D. THOMPSON is a well-known farmer in the town of Heath and a veteran of the Civil War. He was born at Colerain, Mass., July 29, 1839, and is a son of Gurdin and Sophronia (Wilson) Thompson. His grandfather, Hugh Thompson, also a native of Colerain, owned and conducted a farm of two hundred and forty acres, and was very prosperous in worldly affairs. He supported the old Whig party in politics, and was a Congregationalist in his

religious belief. He died at the age of seventy-five years, having reared the following children: Levi, John, Adolphus, Gurdin, and Hugh.

Gurdin Thompson was born September 8, 1801, and during his younger manhood followed farming, together with the trade of a stone-mason, which constituted his occupation until he succeeded to the possession of the parental homestead by purchasing the interests of the other heirs; and then he engaged extensively in stock-raising. He attained to a position of prominence in public affairs, was a Whig in politics, and, like the majority of that political element, joined the ranks of the Republican party at its formation. He very acceptably served as a Selectman, and also held other important town offices. He died aged sixty-nine, and his wife at the age of sixty-two. Their children were: Franklin B., Laura A., Hugh W., Visenlio D., Gurdin A., Almira, Julia, and an infant who died.

Visenlio D. Thompson commenced farming upon his own account at the age of twenty-one years, but in 1862 enlisted as a private in Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Infantry, and served one year in the Civil War, during which time his regiment was attached to the Department of the Gulf. He was present at the siege of Port Hudson, but, after participating in several minor engagements, became ill from exposure and forced marches of long duration under Major-general Banks, and was confined in the hospital at Baton Rouge for a period of three months. Having completed his term of service, he returned North, and bought a farm situated in the town of Charlemont, known as the Thatcher place, which consisted of one hundred and fifty acres. After residing there for a time, he sold the property and removed to Heath, purchased his present farm of one hundred acres, which had

been known as the Clemens property. He has erected a new and spacious barn, besides making other improvements, and is extensively engaged in dairying and sheep-raising.

Mr. Thompson has been twice married. On February 25, 1864, he wedded for his first wife Miss Flora J. Purrington, daughter of Thomas Purrington; and she was called to rest at the age of twenty-five years, leaving three children, namely: Francis H., who married Lillian McLean, and resides at Colerain; Morris L.; and Flora J., who is now the wife of Adelbert Stetson, of Heath, and has two children — Alice M. and Leoa H. On November 24, 1870, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to his present wife, Harriet A. Davenport, daughter of Gano S. and Caroline (Gould) Davenport, her father being a progressive farmer of Heath. Mrs. Thompson's mother died about twelve years ago, she and her husband, who is now living, having been the parents of twelve children, named as follows: George J., Sarah J., David S., Harriet A., Carrie L., Celestia L., Frank H., Charles G., Ella D., Lucas E., Addie M., and one child who died in infancy. Mr. Thompson's children by his second marriage are: Laura S., who married Charles R. Clark, of Granby, and has one child, named Walter S.; Hugh L.; Jessie G.; Edward D.; and Oscar R. Mr. V. D. Thompson is a Republican in politics, and both himself and wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

REV. STILLMAN BARBER, an influential and much respected citizen of Bernardston, and of late years engaged in farming, was born in Warwick, another Franklin County town, July 21, 1818, son of Azariah and Broda (Temple) Barber. His grandparents, Zachariah and Patience

(Whitney) Barber, were natives of Sherborn, Middlesex County, Mass. Zachariah Barber was a hard-working and successful farmer, and died in Warwick at the age of sixty-nine, his wife long surviving him, and dying at the same place, at eighty-nine years of age. They had four sons and three daughters who reached maturity, namely: Patty, Patience, Abigail, Azariah, Elisha, Cyrus, and Ebenezer. Azariah Barber, whose name appears fourth in the list, was born in Warwick, February 18, 1782, and resided there all the days of his life on a part of the old Barber homestead. He was an excellent farmer and a good man, honest and upright in his dealings, liberal in his religious views, and in politics a Whig. He died at the age of sixty-five; and his wife, who was born in the adjoining town of Orange, Mass., July 25, 1789, died at eighty-three. They had six children, only two of whom are now living: Stillman, the subject of this sketch; and Azariah R., a farmer of Northfield, Mass. The deceased were: Harlow, Hervey, Albert G., and Elizabeth T.

Stillman Barber acquired his elementary education in the common schools of Warwick, and later enjoyed the advantages of two or three terms at a select school and two terms at the New Salem Academy. Being of a studious nature, he lost no opportunity to improve his mind. He would take his books into the field with him; and, poring over them without any instructor, he added not a little to the store of learning he had gathered in the schools. He committed to memory the first epistle of Pope's "Essay on Man" by keeping the book open before him while making shingles in his father's shop. When seventeen years of age, he took charge of his father's farm, and, when eighteen, began to teach school, which he continued for seven terms; and at twenty-two he engaged in business for

himself. Remaining in Warwick until 1844, he then moved to Lowell, Mass., where he lived for two years, at the end of which time he went to Meadville, Pa., and entered the Theological School. Shortly after graduating, in 1848, he took a pastoral charge at Como, Ill., which he held but briefly, going thence to Rockford, Ill., but not to remain long. Returning to Massachusetts, he made his home once more in Warwick, preaching at various surrounding places till January, 1850, when he went to Rowe, in the extreme north-western part of the county. He was ordained in the following June, the Rev. Frederick D. Huntington, now Bishop Huntington, preaching the sermon; and he held the pastorate of the First Congregational or Unitarian Church of that place three years. From Rowe he removed successively to Hubbardston, Worcester County, where he was pastor for a year and a half, to Townsend, Middlesex County, for two years, to Mendon for four years, and to Tyngsboro, where he remained eight years. From Tyngsboro he came to Bernardston in 1868, and for three years he was pastor of the Bernardston Congregational or Unitarian church.

In 1872 he bought his farm, but did not move on to it till the next year, since which time he has given his entire attention to farming. He owns a farm of sixty acres, with good buildings; and the fact that he has increased its productiveness nearly three hundred per cent. is striking evidence of intelligent husbandry and assiduous toil. Having joined the Agricultural Society of Franklin County when he first came to Bernardston, he has held in it the offices of Vice-President and Trustee; and he has also been President of the Farmers' Institute. Mr. Barber was married April 22, 1841, to Mary Cobb Fisher, who was born in Warwick, December 28, 1819, daughter of Moses and Lydia (Fisk) Fisher. She was but

two years of age when her mother died, her father having died before she was born. Till the time of her marriage, her early life was passed in Warwick, where she had a good home, and where, after receiving her education in the public schools, she taught school for two terms.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber are looked up to as among the leading citizens of Bernardston in intelligence and worth. They hold Unitarian views in religious matters, and he is independent in politics. They have two children: a son, Charles S.; and a daughter, Caroline Augusta. Charles S. Barber, born in Rowe, August 21, 1852, is a commercial traveller for the firm of McIntosh & Co., of Springfield, Mass., having been connected with this company for twenty-two years. He married Grace E. Allen. They have two children — Edith L. and Mary E.; and they make their home with his parents. Caroline Augusta Barber was born January 18, 1859, in Mendon, Mass. She is a graduate of Framingham Normal School, has taught school continuously since 1878, and is now engaged in teaching in Plainfield, N.J. Franklin Stillman Barber died in Mendon when about two years of age. The Rev. Stillman Barber, having a strong love for the work of the ministry, has continued to engage in it when called on for occasional services up to the present time; and, though well advanced in life, he is still able to attend to the duties of his farm, and is as enthusiastic in the pursuit of knowledge as in his youth.

HENRY O. ROOT, of Bernardston, a representative farmer of Franklin County, was born in this town June 30, 1830, son of Oliver and Elizabeth (Nichols) Root. His grandfather, Moses Root, was born in Montague, Mass., October 7, 1742;

and his grandmother, Anna Bardwell Root, was born at the same place, March 29, 1743. Their distant ancestors were English. Moses Root was a blacksmith, and diligently followed that trade through life, keeping the sparks flying from his anvil early and late. In politics he was a Whig. He and his wife had eight children: Eunice, Anna, Rufus, Moses, Elihu, Oliver, Salmon, and Samuel, all of whom are now deceased. Moses Root died in Montague, December 17, 1817, his wife Anna having died November 24, 1809.

Their son Oliver lived in Montague till of age. While yet a boy, he was apprenticed to learn the trades of tanner and shoemaker, and, when he removed to Gill, he started in business in these lines for himself; but, after living in that town for eight or ten years, being thus employed, he removed to Bernardston about the year 1810, and here, purchasing a large estate, he turned farmer, at which occupation he was very successful.

At the time of his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-eight, he owned two hundred acres of land. His last days were spent on the farm, which to-day is owned by his son. His wife, Elizabeth Nichols Root, was born at Guilford, Vt., August 29, 1793, and died in 1867, at the age of seventy-four years. They were both members of the Unitarian church, and for many years Oliver Root officiated as Deacon. He was a Republican, and was a citizen of more than usual note, both in Gill and Bernardston, being a Selectman in Bernardston, and also filling sundry other offices.

Henry O. was the elder of the two children of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Root. His sister, Sarah E., now Mrs. Holton, resides in Winchester, Mass. Henry O. Root grew to manhood in Bernardston, receiving his education in the public schools of that town and in

Goodell Academy. He took up farming as a means of gaining a livelihood, and, being intelligent, diligent, and painstaking, has followed it with marked success. He now owns the old farm, and has added more land, making all together about two hundred acres of land. A man of great energy, combined with good business tact, and one who has always shown a lively interest in the general welfare, his advice carries weight in matters pertaining to the good of the town. Mr. Root has been Selectman for nineteen years, and has held other local offices.

On November 25, 1858, he was married to Alma O. Hale, who was born in Bernardston, September 16, 1834, daughter of John F. and Alcy (Weeks) Hale. Mr. Hale was a native of Bernardston, and his wife of Halifax, Vt. He was a farmer, and died at the age of eighty-seven. His wife is still living on the old homestead, now aged eighty-seven years. They had three children: Fanny C., who became Mrs. Whitehead, died at the age of fifty-four; Ellen A., now Mrs. Shattuck, resides in Bernardston. Mrs. Root is the younger of the two living.

Mr. and Mrs. Root have two sons: Frank O. Root, born August 23, 1859, and now residing in Rochester, N.Y., is a commercial traveller for a boot and shoe house; Warren H. Root, who was born August 9, 1870, is a clerk in the wholesale boot and shoe house of McIntosh & Co., of Springfield, Mass. Lizzie M., the only daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Root, died at the tender age of four months. Mr. Root and his wife are members of the First Unitarian Church of Bernardston; and in politics he is a Republican. He is an active and valued member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, with which he has been identified since he became of age.

GEORGE PIERCE, Assessor of the town of Greenfield and a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Northampton, March 2, 1830. His father, George Pierce, Sr., was born in Greenfield in 1804, and died at Deerfield in 1878. He was a son of Samuel Pierce, a native of Middletown, Conn., who settled at Greenfield in 1790, and there followed his trade, that of pewter-smith, manufacturing spoons, platters, and other articles of table and kitchen ware. He erected a factory and salesroom on Main Street, south side, near the railroad arch, and later purchased the land opposite the Mansion House, where in 1811 he built a brick block, in which he conducted his business upon a larger scale. He manufactured also tinware and lead pipe, his sons being connected with him in the enterprise, which was carried on successfully between 1812 and 1845, they being the pioneer stove dealers of the town. He owned a large tract of land on High Street, extending from the top of Rocky Mountain through Highland Avenue, west to Congress Street, Highland Avenue then being the old turnpike road to Albany.

Samuel Pierce was one of the founders of the Episcopal church in this place. He married Anna Joyce, of Middletown, and raised a family of ten children, three of whom became victims of an epidemic which occurred in 1804. Of those who lived to reach maturity, all married and became heads of families with the exception of Phebe, who accompanied her brother Samuel to Iowa. Their names were as follows: John J., Phebe, George, Henry, Hubbard, and Samuel. Samuel, Sr., died about 1841, aged seventy-two years, his widow passing to her rest in 1844, aged about seventy-four.

The maiden name of Mr. Pierce's mother was Olive D. Wilson. She was born at Cole-

rain in 1808, daughter of William and Polly (Sisson) Wilson. Her marriage to George Pierce, Sr., occurred about the year 1825; and their four children were as follows: James D., who was born in 1827, and is now a merchant of Milwaukee, where he has been in business for over thirty years; William, who was a tinman by trade and an early pioneer in California, and who died in Greenfield, January 15, 1868, aged thirty-nine years, leaving a widow and three children; George; and Henry H., who died while engaged upon a military expedition to Puget Sound in 1889, aged fifty-eight, leaving a widow and two children. Henry H. Pierce was a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted in the First Connecticut Heavy Artillery, in which he rose from a private to the rank of Major, serving in the Army of the Potomac. As a reward for his bravery and valuable service, he was tendered a commission as Lieutenant in the regular army, being at the time of his death brevet Captain and Adjutant of the Twenty-first United States Infantry, stationed at Fort Vancouver, near Portland, Ore.

He was a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, and, after his appointment to the regular army, was for six years professor of mathematics and military tactics at Morgantown, W. Va., subsequently filling a like position at the University of Michigan. He was a remarkable classical scholar, and during his leisure moments completed a translation of Virgil, which has been published by Lippincott, and is considered by scholars a most creditable production. His widow, who was the daughter of a prominent Washington clergyman, now resides at Baltimore, where she is educating her son. Her daughter Katherine is the wife of a clergyman named Waters, living in Dubuque, Ia. Mrs. Olive D. Pierce died in 1838; and the father married for his

second wife Sarah Ann Kemp, his children by this union being: Phebe, widow of William McClellan, of Springfield, an accomplished soprano singer; and Samuel R., a musician and piano-tuner in New York State.

George Pierce received a good education in the Greenfield public schools, and resided with his uncle Samuel for three years subsequent to the death of his mother. At the age of fifteen he began to learn the trade of a tinsmith in Northampton, and, after serving an apprenticeship of four years, returned to Greenfield, where he worked with his brother for two years, at the end of which time he purchased the business, and continued it until 1858. In 1859 he was appointed a custom-house inspector in Boston, and served in that position until 1861, when he resigned, and, enlisting at Greenfield, was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company G, Tenth Massachusetts Infantry. He succeeded to the command of his company, following the death of Captain Edwin E. Day, who was killed at the battle of Fair Oaks, and re-enlisted in 1864, being detailed to command a detachment of recruits and re-enlisted men of the Tenth, which were transferred to the Thirty-seventh Regiment the day preceding the battle of Winchester, where they were ordered into action, Captain Pierce commanding the advanced company. He was there wounded in the right shoulder, the wound being of such a serious nature as to incapacitate him for further service, he having previously been slightly wounded at the battles of Malvern Hill and Spottsylvania. He was engaged in the expedition which opposed Early's raid on Washington. Captain Pierce was mustered out November 13, 1864, having been in active service three years and five months.

After returning from the army, he engaged in the crockery and glassware business, pur-

chasing the store of Frank Long, which he conducted until 1875. Having spent the next two years as a commercial traveller, in 1877 he was appointed Assessor, a position which he still holds, his present term not expiring until 1897. He is also Clerk for the Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk, and is a Democrat in politics. He is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been commander of the first post organized here; was made a Mason in 1854, in which he has advanced to the Knight Templar degree or Commandery, having filled important chairs in the various lodges. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Encampment, being one of the petitioners for the new lodge.

In 1857 he wedded Miss Catherine L. Scott, the marriage ceremony taking place at the St. James Church, January 13, at seven A.M., the officiating clergyman being its rector, the Rev. Titus Strong. Their three children are: Edwin F., a resident of Milwaukee, and secretary of the Electric Supply Company of Wisconsin; Harry C., of Greenfield, an employee of the American Express Company, who is married and has two children; and Dorus M. Pierce, a practical printer, who is engaged with the *Youth's Companion* Company of Boston, and resides in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce attend the Episcopal church. Their pleasant home is at 52 Davis Street. Mr. Pierce has invested to a considerable extent in real estate, and owns some very valuable residence property.

WALTER W. SANDERSON, of Whately, is a descendant of one of the first settlers of that town, and resides upon a farm which was reclaimed from the wilderness by his ancestors, and is situated

about one and a half miles from the Sunderland bridge. Here his birth occurred July 25, 1843, he being a son of Elijah D. Sanderson, who was born on February 10, 1807, and who is represented in this volume by the lifelike portrait which appears on the opposite page. Mr. Sanderson's grandfather, Elijah Sanderson, who was born on October 28, 1782, was a pioneer farmer of the town, and cleared a greater portion of the present Sanderson farm, a part of the original house which he erected being still in existence. He was one of two Sandersons who owned a very large tract of land, extending from the Connecticut River to the Conway line, a distance of about four and a half miles. He served as an Ensign in the militia during the War of 1812, and marched with his company to Boston, a distance of one hundred miles, where they reported for duty. He became a very prosperous farmer, and died in Whately on August 28, 1823. He was an earnest supporter of the Congregational church; and both himself and his family were so religious that it was said that even the old family dog had acquired through instinct a certain respect for the Sabbath, as he was never known to leave his accustomed place under the bed on that day unless compelled to do so.

Elijah D. Sanderson, who was but sixteen years of age when his father died, continued thereafter to reside at the family homestead. He attained a thorough knowledge of the cloth-dresser's trade, and followed that occupation until handwork was superseded by machinery, after which he gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, becoming a very prosperous farmer. He was well known in the community as a man of strict integrity and of sound judgment, and his advice was often sought for and relied upon by his fellow-townsmen. He was a member of the Congregational



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church, in which he served as parish clerk for many years, dying at the old homestead on September 15, 1886. His faithful companion and life partner was Zelinda Wing, daughter of Dr. Walter Wing, of Otsego County, New York. She was one of a large family; and she became the mother of three children, all of whom are still living, namely: Silas A., a resident of Putney, Vt.; Walter W., of Whately; and Jane E., who married Otis Hager, of Deerfield. Mrs. Zelinda W. Sanderson passed from earth in 1878, at the age of sixty-three, eight years before her husband.

Walter W. Sanderson in his boyhood enjoyed good educational advantages, attending first the district schools of his native town, and later pursuing higher studies successively at the Deerfield Academy and Powers Institute in Bernardston. He then spent some time with his father working on the home farm; but, after reaching his majority, he became a travelling salesman, going through the State of Pennsylvania and a portion of the West. He continued thus engaged at intervals for a period of five or six years, at the expiration of that time returning to the parental roof for the purpose of assuming charge of the farm, having been requested to do so by his father, whose life was fast approaching its close. After the death of his father, whom he had tenderly cared for, by purchasing the interests of the other heirs he succeeded to the old homestead, and has since enjoyed a prosperous career. The farm consists of eighty acres, is all tillable, and can be readily adapted to the cultivation of the various farm products that are suited to the New England climate. Mr. Sanderson devotes his special attention to the raising of tobacco.

Mr. Sanderson was married in 1880 to Miss Emmagene Whitney, daughter of J. A. Whitney, a prosperous farmer and a highly es-

teemed citizen of Gardner, who still survives at the age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Sanderson's mother, who was a native of Whately, died at the age of forty-five years, having reared a family of six children. A Republican in politics, Mr. Sanderson has been solicited to accept town offices, but has invariably declined to serve in any public capacity. He was made a Mason by the Columbian Lodge of Walpole, N.H., in 1875, and now belongs to Republican Lodge of Greenfield. Both himself and wife attend the Congregational church at South Deerfield. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson have one son, Walter Whitney, a very bright and prepossessing lad of four years, who is the life of their home and the object of their loving care and fondest hopes.

EBENEZER S. HULBERT, manufacturer of agricultural implements and cutlery at Bernardston, who served as a Union soldier in the Civil War of 1861-65, was born May 27, 1820, in Burlington, Otsego County, N.Y., his parents being Ambrose and Elizabeth (Sheldon) Hulbert. The first of the family to come to this country was William Hulbert, who settled in Dorchester, Mass., in the year 1632. William was a blacksmith; and the trade has had representatives in the family in every generation down to the present day.

Ambrose Hulbert, the father of Ebenezer S., was born in Bennington, Vt., in 1782; and his wife was born in Bernardston, Mass. Learning the trade of blacksmith of his father, he followed it through life, and acquired the reputation of being a first-class mechanic. He died at eighty-eight years of age, and his wife died between sixty-one and sixty-two years of age. They had six children who grew up, four of whom still live, Ebenezer

S. Hulbert being the eldest. Louisa died at seventy-two years of age; Charles G. Hulbert is a farmer, living in Minnesota; Mary M., Mrs. Green, is living in Greenfield; Abby L. Hulbert lives in Burlington, N.Y.; Eri B. Hulbert died on his way to California.

Ebenezer S. Hulbert grew to manhood in Burlington, N.Y., was educated in the public schools, and began when a boy of fifteen to learn the hereditary trade of blacksmith, living at home till he was twenty-eight years of age. After that he followed his vocation in various places in the State of New York and in Massachusetts. In 1849 the firm of S. A. Millard & Hulbert was formed to manufacture agricultural implements, the factory being located in Clayville, Oneida County, N.Y. In December, 1852, Mr. Hulbert disposed of his interest in this concern, and moved to Bernardston, Franklin County, Mass., where he established himself in the same business at his present site. The whole plant which he now occupies was built with especial reference to the needs of his business, and is equipped with all necessary machinery for turning out first-class work. In addition to the manufacture of hoes and other garden tools, he began in 1882 the manufacture of cutlery, a branch of his business that has proved very successful. He makes all kinds of butcher's tools, his factory having a capacity for turning out from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars' worth of goods per year, and giving employment to from twenty to thirty men.

Mr. Hulbert was married in December, 1863, to Laura Burr, who was born in Maine in 1830. Two children were the fruit of this union, both daughters, one of whom, Helen Hulbert, died in infancy. The other, Julia B., is now the wife of Fred B. Dennison, of Bernardston, and mother of two sons, Harold and Robert. In the war of the Rebellion Mr.

Hulbert enlisted in the Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, went to the front, took part in several battles, and was wounded while in the service by the explosion of a shell. He has been Selectman of his town for twelve years in succession, and has also served one year as Representative to the State legislature. He is a member of the Republican Lodge of A. F. & A. M., Greenfield, and also of the Edwin E. Day Post, No. 174, Grand Army of the Republic.

RS. MARY S. TODD WARNER, an intelligent and cultivated woman of pleasing social gifts, residing in Greenfield, is the widow of the late Volney D. Warner, who died at Montague City, Mass., October 20, 1890, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a son of Newton Warner, a native of Hampden County, Mass., but later a resident of Charlemont, Franklin County, who removed in 1840 to Montague, where it was then expected the county seat would be located. Newton Warner was a farmer by birth and breeding, and bought a large farm in that town; but this, with the exception of the old house and the newly erected residence, has recently passed out of the possession of the Warner family.

The maiden name of his wife was Rachel Cobb; and, of the ten children born to them, four sons and four daughters lived to maturity, and two yet survive, namely: Newcomb Warner, an octogenarian, living at Charlemont; and Minerva, widow of S. B. Wood, of Toledo, Ohio. Newton Warner, Jr., twin brother of Newcomb Warner, died in Charlemont, at the age of sixty-nine years, leaving a family of five children. The Warners, as a family, have merited the respect of the community in which they have lived, being

home-loving, refined, and of irreproachable character.

Mrs. Warner was born in Charlemont, being a daughter of Uriah and the late Mary Ann (Waterman) Todd, long-time residents of that place, her father being now eighty-six years of age. Mr. Todd has from his early years been identified with the agricultural interests of this county, and is now spending the golden sunset of life on the old home farm, which is superintended by his son, Warren U. Todd, a man of sterling worth. One daughter, Beda A., died in the prime of womanhood; and one son, Chester E. Todd, died at the age of twenty-five years. Mrs. Todd passed from earth in December, 1890, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. She was a woman much beloved, and of whom it may be truly said, none named her but to praise. The Todds were first represented on American soil, as the story goes, by two brothers, one of whom was very tall, and the other short in stature, who came from England to the United States in the early part of its settlement, Mrs. Warner's father, who was born in Connecticut, being descended from the former. Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary* mentions two of this name as early immigrants in New England, saying nothing of any known relationship between them: John Todd, who came to Charlestown, Mass., in 1637, and later settled in Rowley; and Christopher, in 1639, an original settler of New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Warner is a woman of fine mental attainments, having received a good education in her youthful days, completing her studies at the Shelburne Falls Academy and at a select school, where she was fitted for a teacher. She exhibited rare ability in her profession, and during the twenty-seven terms that she taught previous to her marriage was eminently successful, being thorough in her instruction,

and winning the approbation of her employers and the love of her pupils. She resigned her position to become the wife of Volney D. Warner, a man of firm and noble purpose, who began the battle of life without capital, and by sturdy industry and integrity succeeded far beyond his expectations, winning a competency. The larger part of his estate he left to his widow, who had materially aided him by her loving sympathy, wise counsel, and cheerful co-operation. Their pleasant home life was not brightened by the prattle of children of their own; but they enjoyed the love and esteem of a world of friends, who sincerely mourn the loss of a worthy neighbor, and who entertain for Mrs. Warner most hearty esteem and good will.

MICHAEL J. ATKINS, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., a scarred and pensioned veteran of the Civil War, was born in County Clare, Ireland, January 27, 1845, son of Bryan and Catherine (Sweeney) Atkins, both of whom were also natives of that place. Having grown to manhood in Ireland, Bryan Atkins there worked at farming till 1848, when he came to America, landing in Boston, from which place he went to Springfield, Mass., and there during the succeeding year engaged in stone and masonry work. He then went to Leyden, Mass., in the employ of the railroad company, and thence to Shelburne Falls, where, as a mason, he assisted in the construction of some of the buildings now used by the cutlery manufactory. He continued to work in Shelburne Falls until he was sixty-five years of age, after which he retired from active labor, and passed the remainder of his life in that town, at his home on School Street. He died there in

1883, at seventy-one years of age. He and his wife, Catherine Sweeney Atkins, had six sons and three daughters, as follows: John (deceased), Bridget, John (deceased), Edward (deceased), Michael J., Mary, James, William, and Kate (deceased). The mother died in 1886, at sixty-five years of age. In religion both parents were of the Catholic faith.

Michael J. Atkins received a good practical education in the schools of Shelburne Falls. At twelve years of age he commenced to work in the cutlery manufactory during his vacations, and continued in that employment until 1863, when he enlisted in Company B of the First Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, and went to the front to fight for the Union. On May 19, 1864, he received a severe wound in his thigh, and, being unable to make his escape, was captured by the enemy, who took him to Andersonville Prison, from thence to Mellen Prison, from which he made his escape, joining Sherman's army at Goldsboro, N.C., finally reaching Washington, D.C., April 7, 1865. At Washington he obtained a furlough; but, on reaching home, he was taken ill with typhoid pneumonia, and on account of his weak condition it was six weeks before he was able to return to his post. He received his honorable discharge at Boston, in June, 1865. As soon as he was able he resumed his work in the cutlery manufactory, and is still employed there. He also draws a pension for the injuries he received in the war.

On January 1, 1869, Mr. Atkins was united in marriage with Miss Anna Gallagher, who was born June 28, 1850, daughter of John and Jane (Clinton) Gallagher. Both her parents were born in County Mayo, Ireland, from which place they came to America, settling in Windsor, Vt., where the father became a progressive and prosperous agriculturist. He died at fifty-one years of age; but his wife is

still living, now, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. Their children were: Patrick, Alice, John, Mary, Anna, Jennie, and Kate. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Atkins has been blessed by the birth of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom a brief record is as follows: William F., born September 27, 1869, married Miss Mary Tehan, and resides at Shelburne Falls: he is a mechanic, and has one child,—Lillian M.; Joseph R., born July 4, 1871, resides at home; John, born February 18, 1875, died in August, 1875; Jennie C. was born September 10, 1877; Henry M., born December 4, 1879; George B., born November 12, 1881; Mary E., born March 7, 1883; Charles F., born November 5, 1884; Anna M., born June 5, 1887; Alice M., born October 16, 1889; Paul E., born December 16, 1891; and John P., born December 31, 1892.

Mr. Atkins is an independent politician. He has rendered acceptable service as Selectman for four terms, and is now Assessor of the fire district. He is a member of Azro Miller Post, No. 93, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Atkins and his wife are consistent members of the Catholic church. They reside on Wellington Street, on what was formerly the Fellows homestead, which has beautiful terraced grounds and fine shade trees; and he also owns the vacant lot adjoining.

ALBERT B. WARNER, a practical agriculturist, contributing his full share toward sustaining and extending the great farming interests of Franklin County, is pleasantly situated in Bernardston, where he owns one of the many fine farms for which this locality is noted. He was born on his present homestead April 9, 1853; and his father, Otis Warner, was born on the same

farm, August 27, 1800. This property has been in the possession of the Warner family for a full century, Pliny Warner, the grandfather of Mr. Albert B., having bought it while it was yet in its original wildness, he being one of the comparatively early settlers of the town. He was a man of exceeding energy and industry, and cleared a large farm, on which he and his worthy helpmate spent their remaining years. Here they reared their family of five sons and two daughters, all of whom have joined the silent majority on the other shore.

Otis Warner finally became owner of a portion of the old homestead, which, as a boy, he had helped redeem from the wilderness. He was a thrifty farmer, and made many fine improvements on the place during his long life of eighty-two years. He died February 19, 1882. His sound sense and good judgment on matters connected with the government of the town were recognized by his fellow-citizens, who called him to serve as Selectman and to fill other responsible positions. By his first wife, Eunice Felton, he had one daughter, Carrie M., who lives in Franklin, Vt. His second wife, whose maiden name was Mary M. Brown, was born March 12, 1819, in the town of Guilford, Vt. She lives on the old homestead, and still retains the mental and physical vigor that characterized her younger days. She has two sons and three daughters, namely: Augusta F., now a resident of Hatfield, Mass.; Mary D. and Lucy H., living at home; Emerson G., residing at Brattleboro, Vt.; and Albert B.

The subject of this sketch was reared on the home farm, and acquired his education in the schools of his native town, which are among the best in the county. Always industrious and capable as a lad, he was intrusted with the care of the farm when only seventeen

years old, and has managed it from that time until the present day. He is one of the most extensive land-owners in the vicinity, possessing about three hundred acres, and has met with merited success, being in many respects a model farmer. Mr. Warner has a valuable dairy, consisting of thirty cows, and also pays some attention to stock-raising, finding both profitable. He has continually added to the improvements on the estate, having substantial buildings and all the modern conveniences for carrying on his work after the most approved methods. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors as regards religion and politics, Mr. Warner is liberal in his views on the first subject, and a steadfast Republican in the latter. In local affairs he has been quite prominent, having been Selectman two terms, besides holding minor offices, and is now Chairman of the Law and Order League of Bernardston, which was incorporated in 1894, and is one of the most active in promoting the welfare of the town.

On December 11, 1878, Mr. Warner was united in marriage with Miss Carrie J. Denison; and their union has been brightened by the birth of one child, Breta M. Warner. Mrs. Warner was born in Leyden, being a daughter of Captain Edward and Elizabeth E. (Hapgood) Denison. Her grandfather, Edward Denison, an early settler and one of the first tavern-keepers in the place, cleared a farm on which his children were born, and which was subsequently owned and carried on by his son, Captain Edward Denison. Captain Denison was born on the old homestead in Leyden, in 1800, being one of the five children of his parents, Edward and Ruey (Babcock) Denison. After becoming possessor of the homestead property, the Captain bought adjoining land, increasing its acreage to three hundred acres, and remodelled the old tavern, which is to-day

in good repair, and is one of the oldest residences in Leyden. He was a liberal in religion, an uncompromising Democrat in politics, and one of the influential men of the place, being Selectman and serving in various other offices. He died on the old homestead, aged seventy-nine years. His widow, who was born April 15, 1814, in Putney, Vt., makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Sawyer, in Leyden. They reared eight children, as follows: Mrs. Frances Newcomb, of Leyden; Mrs. Maria Howe, of Iowa; Edward H. Denison, of Leyden; Mrs. Ellen Sawyer; Mrs. Marion Ashcroft, of Whately; Mrs. Eva Ware, of Northfield; George Denison, of Leyden; and Carrie J., Mrs. Albert B. Warner.

CHARLES M. DUNCAN, M.D., whose sudden death on October 4, 1884, was a sad loss to the town of Shelburne, was an eminent and beloved physician, who had been successfully engaged in the practice of his profession for upward of half a century. He was born July 1, 1808, at Dummerston, Vt., being a son of Dr. Abel and Lydia (Miller) Duncan.

Dr. Abel Duncan, a son of Abel Duncan, Sr., was a native of Massachusetts, born February 22, 1772, at Petersham, where his early years were spent. After fitting himself for the profession of medicine, he opened his office at Dummerston, and in the few years of his active life which followed became widely known as a physician of skill and man of entire integrity, with a large heart. He died of spotted fever during the epidemic of 1813. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Miller, was born November 8, 1778, in Dummerston, and died May 1, 1869, at Shelburne. Three children were born of their union, namely: Charles M., the subject of this brief

mention; Fanny M., born June 22, 1810, now the widow of Joel Knight, of Dummerston; and Lydia Evelyn, who was born August 1, 1813, married Marshall Newton, and died January 15, 1834.

Charles M. Duncan grew to manhood in his Vermont home, being reared on a farm and receiving the rudiments of his education in the district schools. His mother was a woman of superior character and intelligence, and no doubt aided in fostering the lad's love for learning. He was fitted for college at a select school in Brattleboro, subsequently leaving the home farm to become a student at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me., attending lectures at the Maine Medical School and graduating from there in 1833. He afterward took a full course of lectures at the Harvard Medical School, among his classmates there being Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, the witty, wise, and revered poet and citizen. After receiving his diploma, Dr. Duncan came to this county, settling in Shelburne in 1834. He was well prepared for his profession, and by his practical ability, watchful care of his patients, and warm-hearted and generous sympathy won the confidence and patronage as well as the friendship of a host of people, including the best and most intelligent citizens of Shelburne and the neighboring towns. He was specially fond of children, and readily won their love and confidence. Although for some years prior to his decease he had suffered from a heart trouble which might at any minute loosen the silver cord that bound him to earth, yet he attended to his professional duties until the day upon which he was stricken; and his sudden death was a shock to his family and friends, and a profound sorrow to the entire community.

On August 28, 1833, Dr. Charles M. Duncan was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Esterbrook, a native of Brattleboro, Vt., born

March 17, 1810, daughter of John Esterbrook. The home life that followed was long and filled with happiness, the golden anniversary of their wedding, August 28, 1883, being a joyous occasion. Two daughters were the fruit of their union. The eldest of these, Mrs. Fanny L. Mitchell, born March 2, 1840, resides in Shelburne Centre, and has one son, Morris Duncan Mitchell. The younger, Mrs. Sarah M. Smead, born February 9, 1845, has been twice married. Her only son, Charles L. Upton, a graduate of Amherst College, 1891, married Catherine Griswold, of Turner's Falls, and is now a student in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Duncan was closely and actively interested in the welfare and advancement of the community in which he lived, being one of its most progressive citizens, and ever willing to encourage and aid all beneficial projects. In politics he was a firm Democrat, and served as Town Clerk and Treasurer for nearly twoscore years, and was also a member of the School Committee. He was prominent in medical circles, belonging both to the Massachusetts Medical Society and to the Franklin District Medical Society. Was a Mason, was a member of Greenfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was also a Knight Templar: he likewise belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The high esteem in which he was held by his brother physicians and Masons, as well as by his many other friends, was clearly shown by the large concourse of people that gathered at the village church on that beautiful October day to pay their last tribute of respect and affection, afterward following the remains to the Arms Cemetery, where the Knights conducted their impressive service over their departed brother. The Doctor was liberal in his views of religion, and generous in his contributions toward the support of religious organizations.

MRS. NANCY A. CHAPIN, who owns and occupies one of the finest farms in Gill, beautifully situated near the Connecticut River, a part of the estate left by her husband, the late Eliphas Lyman Chapin, was born in this town April 19, 1820, daughter of Horatio and Eunice (Davis) Roberts. Her father was also a native of Gill, born July 25, 1789, son of Ebenezer and Submit (Brooks) Roberts, and grandson of John Roberts, a farmer who removed to Gill with his family from St. Johnsbury, Vt. Ebenezer Roberts died in Gill on February 17, 1832, having carried on for a number of years a farm owned by his wife's father, Daniel Brooks, one of the early settlers, who had a quarter section of land.

Horatio Roberts was the fourth in a family of seven children. He lived at the parental home till his marriage, when he purchased a farm near by, on which he resided for a number of years; but in the latter part of his life he removed to East Charlemont, in the western part of the county. He died in 1864. His wife, Eunice, was the daughter of Joseph and Azubah (Morton) Davis, of Guilford, Vt., where she was born, July 23, 1797. Her father was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and was a soldier of the Revolution. Mrs. Chapin remembers sitting on the knee of her grandfather Davis, when she was a child, and listening to the stories of the war. The grandmother, Mrs. Azubah Morton Davis, daughter of David and Mary Morton, outliving her husband, received a pension in her old age. She died at the home of her son-in-law, Mrs. Chapin's father, in 1846, aged eighty-six years. Horatio and Eunice D. Roberts were the parents of nine daughters, of whom seven are still living, namely: Nancy Azubah, Mrs. Chapin; Rhoda, Mrs. Alonzo Thayer; Calista, who is Mrs. B. Rice, of East Charlemont;

Martha, widow of Horace Patterson, of East Charlemont; Esther, who married Edwin Bodwell, of Shelburne Falls; Jane O., Mrs. David Thayer, of East Charlemont; and Marinda, widow of David Fisk, of Springfield, Mass. The mother united with the Congregational church in 1821; and her last days were passed in East Charlemont, where she died March 9, 1864.

Nancy A. Roberts in her girlhood acquired a limited education in the district school. This, however, was but the beginning, not the finish, as she has continued to keep her mental faculties in healthful activity, and with the usual happy results. Early desiring to be usefully employed and to have the means of self-support, she learned the trade of a tailoress, at which she became a skilful worker. She was married October 25, 1844, to Eliphas Lyman Chapin, who was born in Gill, April 1, 1815, son of Ebenezer Chapin, the father being an early settler who came here from Mendon, Mass., and settled on a farm, where he spent his life, rearing a large family of children. Eliphas L. Chapin subsequently became the owner of the Chapin farm, on which he and his wife resided some twenty-five years, and then came to "The Old Purple Homestead," the present home of Mrs. Chapin, where he died June 23, 1890, at the age of seventy-five.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Chapin grew to maturity, only one of whom is now living, namely: Edward Sumner Chapin, born November 16, 1857, who married Sarah Canning, and has two children, Harold C. and Edward Radcliff. He is engaged with a business firm in Boston, and resides with his family in Cambridge. Ellen L. Chapin, only daughter, born September 30, 1845, who was educated in Bernardston and became a teacher, died November 20, 1874. Frank Wells, the elder son, born January 15, 1850, married

Lizzie E. Graves, of Guilford, and died October 31, 1886, leaving two children — LeForrest Earle and Winfred Ernest. He had stayed on the Chapin homestead, taking charge of it after the removal of his parents to the Roswell Purple place.

JAMES M. HALE, a well-known farmer and life-long citizen of Bernardston, was born in this town, May 5, 1833, son of Israel Porter and Auralia (Cushman) Hale, the father having been born in Bernardston in 1807, and the mother in Greenfield in 1804. Mr. Hale's grandfather, Israel Hale, who was born May 8, 1766, was generally known throughout this region as "Leftenant" Hale, being in the State militia and left-handed, to which peculiarity the popular pronunciation of his title was supposed to have reference. He came from Connecticut with his father when a lad of nine, and was one of the first settlers in Bernardston. He learned farming, and in company with his brother acquired a large tract of land situated on the present site of Bernardston, where he erected the residence now owned by Alanson P. Hale. He was a large, well-built man, weighing two hundred and five pounds, unusually strong and vigorous, and was both sociable and genial. Strict and upright and honorable in his intercourse with others, he was held in high esteem by his neighbors; and many of the older residents of Bernardston to-day remember him as a good citizen and a warm friend. He was a Unitarian and liberal supporter of the church and other benevolences. In politics he was a Whig. He died August 25, 1850, on the farm now owned by his grandson, Alanson P. Hale, at the age of eighty-four years. He was twice married. His first wife, Jemima, was born December 31, 1764. The name of



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his second wife was Elizabeth. His five children, all by his first wife, were as follows: John, George, Joseph P., Israel P., and Philander, four of whom grew to manhood.

Israel Porter Hale, son of Lieutenant Israel Hale, became the owner of the old homestead in Bernardston, and followed the business of general farming to the end of his days. For several years he held the office of Selectman, and he also had in charge the settlement of various large and small estates. He and his wife were noted for their hospitality, and both were members of the Unitarian society. He was a Republican in politics. He died on the old home farm, May 29, 1883, at the age of seventy-six years, his wife surviving him over nine years, dying July 24, 1892, at the advanced age of nearly eighty-nine years. They had four children, all of whom are now living, namely: Huldah, wife of S. B. Slade, of Greenfield, born November 6, 1831; James Monroe Hale, the subject of this biographical mention; Alanson P., born March 23, 1835; and Loretta A., now the wife of Hiram Norton.

James M. Hale, having spent the early years of his life in securing an education in the district schools of Bernardston and in Goodell Academy, remained at home, attending to farm work and taking care of his parents as they gradually came to feel the infirmities of age. Mr. Hale has been a general farmer all his life, and now owns about one hundred acres of the old farm, where, in connection with his general farming, he carries on a fine dairy. All the buildings and improvements that to-day make it a beautiful home, have been added by his untiring energy. Mr. Hale's success in farming is due in great measure to the fact that he is not afraid of hard work.

In 1856, on January 1, he married Janette S. Slate, who was born in Bernardston, April

27, 1834, daughter of Seorem B. and Sophronia P. (Snow) Slate. Mr. Slate was born in Bernardston, September 5, 1801, and his wife in the same town, July 5, 1803. He was a successful farmer and prominent citizen, and for a number of years Selectman, being at the time of his death a supporter of the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Slate were both members of the Unitarian church. She died January 11, 1856, and he on March 6, 1866. They had seven children, three of whom, Minerva P., Ellen P., and Sheldon S., are deceased. Seorem B., Jr., a retired farmer, who has held many public offices, resides in Greenfield. Janette S., as mentioned above, is the wife of James M. Hale. Julia S. became the wife of A. P. Hale, and resides in Bernardston with her husband. The other son is George P. Slate, a farmer, living in Hinsdale, N.H. Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hale have no children. They are both members of the Unitarian society, and Mr. Hale is a Republican in politics.

DR. CHARLES SHEPARD, of Whately, is a clairvoyant physician, well known in this locality for his successful treatment of many serious cases. His birth occurred in the town of Alstead, Cheshire County, N.H., on February 17, 1838; and he is a son of Gardner Shepard, a native of the same town, whose father, Simeon Shepard, moved into the State from Connecticut, and settled as a pioneer on a tract of wild land in Alstead. Grandfather Shepard died when he was about seventy years old.

Gardner Shepard was reared to an agricultural life; but, after attaining his majority, he entered mercantile business, which he carried on with good success for several years, and then returned to the old homestead, where he resided until called to lay down the burden of

life, in his seventy-first year. By his first marriage he had three children, two of whom died in early childhood, and the other survived until a few years ago. His second wife, Sarah Merrifield, of Marlboro, Vt., became the mother of nine children, of whom but three survive, namely: Susan, who married Oliver Shepard; Sumner G.; and Dr. Charles Shepard, of Whately. Mrs. Sarah M. Shepard passed into the spirit life at Alstead, N.H., aged sixty-one years. Although she and her husband were formerly adherents of the Orthodox Congregational faith, in their later years they became thoroughly converted to modern Spiritualism.

Charles Shepard received his education in his native town, passing through both the common schools and the high, and resided with his parents at the old homestead while they lived. At the age of twenty-two years he first became aware of the healing power with which nature had endowed him; and he immediately began to use it in his neighborhood, with results which were not only of exceedingly great benefit to many sufferers, but in some instances quite remarkable and entirely unaccountable. He continued in active practice at Alstead until failing health made it advisable for him to seek for a time a more mild and salubrious climate; and the winters of 1878, 1880, and 1882 were passed by him in Florida.

In 1875 he came to Franklin County, Massachusetts, and, after boarding for some time in South Deerfield, moved to his present residence, which is one of the most pleasant localities upon the river. His farm, which he rents, consists of about thirty-six acres of fertile land, thirty-one of which are under cultivation, and the rest covered with small timber. He still continues to practise, and has effected many permanent cures in this locality,

having been successful in some cases from which physicians of the regular schools were forced to retire. In religious matters Dr. Shepard is of the liberal school of thought, and in politics is strictly independent, always seeking to support the candidates whom he considers the most able and qualified to hold office. To him modern Spiritualism is a fact; and he not only does not hesitate to proclaim his sincere belief in the mysterious power of which he is a living exponent, but always defends and explains it whenever an opportunity presents itself for him to do so. A good likeness of Dr. Shepard graces another page of the review.

ROLLIN P. WHIPPLE, a wide-awake, energetic, high-minded business man, is an extensive dealer in stoves, furnaces, and plumbing supplies, his store being located on Miles Street in the village of Greenfield. He was born in March, 1842, at Windsor Locks, Conn., within a short distance of Warehouse Point, where his father, Joseph Whipple, was born in 1819.

The latter was left an orphan at the early age of seven years, being the youngest of a family of three sons and two daughters thus bereaved. He began the use of tools at an early period of his life, exhibiting the genius of a natural mechanic; and, being bound out to a man who was interested in his welfare, he had learned the blacksmith's trade before he was sixteen years old, and two years later he had charge of a shop. In 1837 he and his brother Henry went to New Jersey, where he took a job of making picks, and, being a very rapid and skilful workman, was soon earning three dollars a day, while the other men were making but two-thirds of that sum. He was very ingenious, and won the reputation of being able to make anything composed of

iron or steel, his specialty being the manufacturing and relaying of axes and edged tools. His first wife was Eveline C. Pinney, whom he married at Windsor Locks, January 1, 1841.

One year of their wedded life they spent at New Jersey, and one year at Springfield, Mass., the remainder being passed at Windsor Locks, where the death of Mrs. Eveline C. P. Whipple occurred in 1862. She left five children, namely: Rollin P., of whom we write; Isadora, wife of F. G. Strickland, of Poquonock, Conn., and the mother of four children; Eveline C., widow of Julius Chapman, of Windsor Locks, who at his death left three sons; Ida, who married Harris Hathaway, and, dying in middle life, left three children; and Lillia T. (Mrs. L. A. Morand), of Windsor Locks, who has one child. Joseph Whipple subsequently married Jane Shepard; and he lived until February, 1891, when his body was laid to rest in the Windsor Locks cemetery. Few have had more earthly friends than he, and few are more deserving, he having been a man of purity and honesty, firm in his convictions and fearless in their expression. In politics he was a stanch Democrat; and besides having been for many years a Selectman, Assessor for a score of years, and a Constable when the position required an officer of nerve and courage, he twice represented his district in the State legislature.

Rollin P. Whipple early showed an inclination for the blacksmith's trade, and when a lad began to strike for his father, spending much of his leisure time when out of school in the shop. He remained at home until 1871, when he came to Greenfield as agent for the Weed sewing machines, which he had then handled for two years, making large sales. In the fall of 1876, desiring to be established in some permanent business, Mr. Whipple em-

barked in the hardware trade, forming a copartnership with M. L. Farnsworth, with whom he was engaged for two years, carrying on a successful business under the firm name of Farnsworth & Whipple. In 1878 Mr. Whipple purchased his partner's interest, and has since that time continued alone, being a leading dealer in his line of goods, with a firmly established and completely stocked store, vying in its appointments with any similar plant in the place. The marriage of Mr. Whipple with Mary E. Squire, the daughter of J. R. Squire, of Monson, was solemnized October 4, 1871; and their home has been enlivened by the birth of two daughters, Grace and Florence, accomplished and winning young ladies, the elder being a student of art; and the younger, who is a pupil in the high school, bidding fair to excel in music, being gifted with a sweet and strong soprano voice. Having been rocked in a Democratic cradle, Mr. Whipple is an advocate of the political faith in which he was reared, and has served his fellow-townsmen as Water Commissioner. He is well advanced in Masonry, being a Knight Templar; and he attends and supports the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Whipple is an active member. In 1887 the family moved into their present residence, at No. 45 High Street, which was built by James Vick's son, and has a firm foundation, resting on the solid rock, being one of the finest and most commodious dwellings in the vicinity, and a delightful place to visit as well as a beautiful home to live in.

RS. JULIA AMIDON BROWN-
ING, a highly respected resident
of Rowe, Franklin County, Mass.,
is the widow of Arthur Browning, who was a
successful jeweller and a popular and much

esteemed citizen of this town. Mr. Browning was a son of Horace and Catherine (Wells) Browning. Horace Browning came to Rowe from Rhode Island, his native State, and here worked at his trade as a carpenter, erecting buildings and always making improvements. His wife's father, Colonel Noah Wells, who was an early settler of Rowe, purchased and cleared a large tract of land, and became a prominent citizen of the town, living to an advanced age. Horace and Catherine (Wells) Browning here spent their wedded life, both dying at the age of sixty years. He was a Republican in politics, and rendered acceptable service as a member of the School Committee. In religious belief he was a Unitarian. They were the parents of ten children, of whom two died in infancy. The others are: Wells, Sarah, Frederick, Arthur, Katie, George, John, Nellie.

Arthur Browning, whose birth occurred in Rowe on January 6, 1843, remained at home during his youth, receiving his education in the schools of his native town. He then went to Greenfield, where he learned the jeweller's trade, at which he worked until September 9, 1862, in the second year of the Southern Rebellion, when he enlisted in Company A of the Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and served one year. Not being very strong, his health gave out; and he was then obliged to return home to his father's. It was restored under influence of the pure mountain air. Later on he went to Northampton, where he was successfully engaged at his trade several years; and he was afterward employed in Boston in the same line. He died on May 2, 1882, at the early age of thirty-nine years. In political affiliation he was a Republican, and was a member of a post of the Grand Army of the Republic. His marriage with Miss Julia F. Amidon was solemnized Sep-

tember 2, 1872; and their union was blessed by the birth of a son, Frederick A., born January 20, 1875, who is now a clerk for B. T. Henry in a general store at Rowe, and is well educated and a promising young man.

Julia F. Amidon was born in Rowe, being a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Fuller) Amidon, who were highly respected people of this town, where her father was a prosperous farmer. Daniel Amidon was the son of Solomon Amidon, and the brother of Lucy, Roger, Joseph, Solomon, Harry, and Elbert, all of whom lived to a ripe age, some even to the advanced age of ninety. Harry Amidon, now, 1895, eighty-six, is the only surviving member of this large family. Mr. E. E. Amidon, an uncle of these brothers, now aged seventy-four, lives with his niece, Mrs. Julia Browning. He has always been an important business man in town, owning and running the village store for forty years. He is a man of fine judgment, and much respected and beloved by all who know him. There is much that could be said of the Amidon family: many pages might be filled in telling of their honesty and uprightness of character and benevolent disposition. They could be relied on as stanch helpers in all good works, and were Republican in politics.

Mrs. Browning resides in the village of Rowe; and during the summer season her pleasant home is filled with city boarders, to whom she has proved herself a most agreeable and satisfactory hostess. She is a well-read and highly intelligent woman, capable in business, and an active worker in charity and in other matters pertaining to the welfare of the community, holding as a consistent Unitarian — she and her son being members of that church, as was her husband — that "practical religion is summed up in love to God and love to man."

EDWARD F. REECE, manufacturer of taps, dies, and screw plates, has been identified with the business interests of Greenfield for nearly a quarter of a century, and is well known throughout this part of Franklin County as an upright and honorable man in his dealings. He was born in Birmingham, England, which is noted for the extent and excellence of its hardware manufactures, in 1842, and is a son of Joseph Reece, a native of the same place, who was born in 1805.

Joseph Reece was the youngest of a family of six sons, four or five of whom were soldiers in the British army, and fought against Napoleon, two being in the battle of Waterloo, where one was shot in the neck. Two or three of his brothers were under the command of the Duke of Wellington during the Peninsular campaign, and were with him at the storming of Badajos, April 6, 1812. Joseph married Elizabeth Tucker, a native of Chester, England, whose father was an officer in the British army, under Wellington. In 1847 they emigrated to America, having a very quick passage of thirty days, in the good ship "Constitution." They came over here with means of their own, the father having sold out his machine-shop at Birmingham before leaving. He had much natural mechanical ingenuity; and, while serving his apprenticeships of seven years each at the jeweller's trade and as a machinist, he made several valuable inventions, among them being the hook and eye machine, which finished one hundred and twenty-five hooks per minute. He was also the first to make the composition button with an eye, at Florence, Mass.

After his arrival in Massachusetts he was at first a little homesick and discouraged, and had serious thoughts of returning to England with his family, but fortunately met with

A. P. Critchlow, for whom he worked some years in the shop at Florence, and later at his home, making numerous practical inventions, one being the round steel belt hook for the prevention of friction. He continued in active work at Florence until his decease, in 1868. His widow outlived him many years, dying in 1891, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. They reared a family of six sons and three daughters, of whom Lucretia died at the age of nineteen years, in New York City; and James, the youngest son, who learned his trade of tool-making of the father, died at East Hampton, Mass., in 1888, aged forty-one years, leaving a widow and four children. The living are: William Alfred, a retired tool manufacturer, residing in Florence; Virginus J., a resident of Greenfield; Reuben G., a well-to-do farmer in Williamsburg, formerly a tool-maker for the Wiley & Russell Company, now a widower, his wife having died in Greenfield; Edward F., of whom we write; and Henry, a retired tool-maker, of Florence.

Although he had but a limited amount of schooling during his youthful days, Mr. Reece is well informed on all the leading subjects of the day, having been a continuous student and a reader of the best books of the time. He early developed the mechanical ability which he had inherited, and since ten years of age has worked as a mechanic or machinist, having been for six years employed as a tool-maker for the Florence Sewing Machine Company, in which his father-in-law, Carlos Humphrey, was interested. In 1870 Mr. Reece came to Greenfield, and in company with his brother, Virginus J. Reece, established the manufacture of screw plates, on which they have three valuable patents. In 1889 Mr. Reece sold his interest in the factory to his partner; but fourteen months later, owing to the ill-health of his brother, he bought the entire business

and has an excellent trade. The factory was erected in 1881. It is situated on the corner of Wells and Devens Streets, and gives employment to about six or seven men, the products being sold principally through the New York and Boston jobbers, one man being employed at each end of the line.

On August 29, 1867, at Northampton, Mr. Reece was married to Addie E. Humphrey, daughter of Carlos Humphrey. The two children born to them are well settled in life. Their son, Edward J., a mechanic at Orange, Mass., is married, and has one daughter. Their other child, Maud H., is the wife of Edward Wilbur, of Greenfield. Mr. Reece is held in deserved esteem as a loyal and useful citizen of his adopted city, and both he and his good wife are valued members of the Baptist church.

CARL E. DAVENPORT, a prosperous farmer of Colerain, was born in that town, July 22, 1852, son of Edward Davenport, Jr., and Marietta (Maxam) Davenport, and grandson of the Rev. Edward and Lurena (Andrews) Davenport. (For an extended account of the Davenport family, see the sketch of the life of Jonathan E. Davenport, on another page of this volume.) The Rev. Edward was born in Dorchester, Mass., September 6, 1774. The greater part of his mature life was spent in Colerain; and the time not devoted to the duties of his calling as a minister of the gospel of the Baptist faith was spent in agricultural pursuits. He was a well-educated man for his day, and, being energetic and persevering, commanded success in all he undertook. He died December 8, 1863, at the age of eighty-nine. His wife, the grandmother of our subject, was born March 1, 1792, in Ashfield, Mass., and was the mother of several children.

Edward Davenport, Jr., was born in Colerain, March 8, 1817, and there grew to manhood, getting a fair education in the common schools of the town. He was a thrifty farmer, and accumulated considerable property, his real estate comprising about one hundred and sixty acres. In 1847 or 1848 he bought the farm which is still in the family, and here he resided until his death, on May 5, 1883. Mr. Davenport in his latter years, after the dissolution of the Whig party, voted the Republican ticket. On May 8, 1849, he married Marietta Maxam, daughter of John and Marietta (Dwight) Maxam, who was born in Colerain, September 7, 1826. John Maxam was a carpenter, who conducted a farm for his family needs, and lived in Colerain the greater part of his life, having been born here in 1796, and passing away at the age of seventy-three. His wife, a native of Williamsburg, born in 1800, lived to be a little over seventy. Mr. Maxam was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They had four children, daughters, two of whom are deceased. Cordelia, wife of Theodore Galer, a soldier in the late war, who died in Andersonville, died at the age of forty-two; and Prudence, the wife of J. B. Davenport, passed away when sixty years of age. The living are: Mrs. Juliette Walden, a resident of Colerain; and Marietta, Mrs. Davenport. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Davenport, Jr., were members of the Baptist church. They had three children, as follows: John E., born October 25, 1850, a farmer, married April 7, 1878, to Ada Donalson, born July 6, 1854, daughter of Samuel and Louisa Donalson, of Colerain, and living in Colerain; Carl E.; and Rena M., born February 8, 1861, wife of Professor W. F. Lamb, residing in New York City, who has one son, Ferdinand R. Lamb, born December 1, 1888.

Carl E. Davenport maintains the prestige of the family, holding the respect and esteem of all who know him. He owns the old home-
stead, which comprises a good farm, one of the finest residences in this part of the county, and substantial farm buildings. He is a hard worker, and very successful in his line; a Republican in politics, and liberal in religious views. Mr. Davenport is still a bachelor, his mother, who resides with him, occupying the place of honor in his household.

DANIEL BALLARD, a successful farmer and dairyman of Franklin County, owns a finely equipped and well-improved farm in New Salem, and is widely known as a public-spirited man who has filled many offices of trust in the town, and has fully merited the confidence which his fellow-citizens have reposed in him. He comes of Puritan stock, and from a family noted for intelligence and enterprise, descendants of William and Grace Ballard, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts at an early day, and settled on one of the Andover hills. They reared several children, their son Joseph being the progenitor of the line now being considered.

Joseph Ballard was an industrious farmer of Andover, and was Ensign of a company of infantry in 1694-99. He married Rebecca Horne, or Orne, most of the members of the Horne family having at an early date dropped the "H," and written the name "Orne." Of their children, Jeremiah, who was born in Andover in 1697, married in 1721 Mary Dane, daughter of Francis Dane, of the same town; and fourteen years later they removed to Lunenburg, where they were admitted to full communion of the church of Christ, October 3, 1736, but apparently lived in Concord

a few years afterward. They came to New Salem about 1746-48, being among the early settlers of this locality. Jeremiah Ballard had risen to the rank of a Captain of a company of infantry, and had seen service in the days of French and Indian warfare. On May 20, 1750, he and his wife united by letter from Lunenburg with the Congregational church in New Salem, of which he was elected the second Deacon. He was active and influential in church and town affairs, being one of the original proprietors of the New Salem township, and filling the office of Selectman several years. He lived here until his decease, in 1761. The names of his children were: Jeremiah, Joshua, Daniel, Joseph, Mary, Phœbe, and Hannah.

Daniel, third son of Jeremiah, was a native of Andover, and for many years a resident of New Salem, having moved thither with his father. He married January 26, 1754, Ruth Houlton, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Houlton, of New Salem, and aunt of the Joseph Houlton who founded the town of Houlton, Me. They were admitted to the church in New Salem October 2, 1763. He was Tax Collector for several years. He collected and paid to H. Gardner, State Treasurer, March 24, 1780, the sum of one thousand, ninety-nine pounds and four pence, in part for taxes committed to him to collect for the year 1779 — State tax — a large sum for so small a town. He subsequently moved to Wendell, where he bought a farm, and lived to the age of fourscore years, his departure occurring on May 31, 1808. His widow survived him till November 22, 1817, attaining the age of eighty-four years. She left the following children: Daniel, Phœbe, Tilly, Josiah, Lucy, Joseph Henry, James, William, and Hannah, all born in New Salem.

Josiah, son of Daniel and Ruth (Houlton)

Ballard, was born February 11, 1762, and succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm in New Salem, on which he carried on mixed husbandry during his entire life. He was a progressive farmer, and bought more land, owning some two hundred acres in all, and doing an extensive business in real estate and in lumber. On January 20, 1789, he married Frances Jane Zuil, daughter of Alexander and Frances Zuil, of Boston, who survived him nineteen years, dying near the old homestead at the home of her son Daniel in 1856. Josiah Ballard served several months as a Revolutionary soldier, having enlisted when but sixteen years of age in the place of his father, who was drafted. He died in June, 1837, aged seventy-five years. Both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They reared five children, namely: Chester, James, Charlotte, Daniel, and Lucinda.

Daniel Ballard, Sr., son of Josiah, and father of the special subject of this sketch, was born in Wendell, March 4, 1802, and there received the rudiments of his education. He afterward attended both the New Salem and Amherst Academies, and later on he was engaged in teaching school in the winters and farming in the summer season for several years. He finally bought a two-hundred-acre farm in Wendell, and became one of the most prosperous farmers in the town. Possessing great individuality and force of character, he was very influential in local affairs, and for many years was a member of the School Committee. He was a Whig in his earlier days, but on the formation of the Republican party became one of its most earnest adherents. Both he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. He died November 9, 1870; his widow, whose girlhood name was Dulcena Brown, and who was born February 21, 1811, is still living at New Salem.

They were married March 7, 1833, and became the parents of the following children: Dulcena J., born March 19, 1834, died January 23, 1852; Harrison W., born October 15, 1835; Lottie M., born November 19, 1837; Daniel, born January 16, 1840; Hattie L., born January 29, 1842; Milton, born March 3, 1844; Albert, born September 28, 1846; L. Annie, born March 6, 1849, died July 1, 1870; and Lester, born February 6, 1852. Harrison W. Ballard was married December 6, 1866, to Sarah Jane Larned, of Worcester, Mass. He has pursued mercantile business in Trenton and Jersey City, N.J., and Indianapolis, Ind., where they now (1895) reside. They have no children. Lottie M. is a teacher in the public schools of Wendell. Hattie L. married October 1, 1868, Beriah W. Fay, Esq., of New Salem, for many years one of the County Commissioners. Their children are Harry W. and Beatrice A. Milton Ballard died February 7, 1866, from disease contracted in the army during the Civil War, when he was a member of Company D, Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers. Albert, who has a saw, shingle, and planing mill in New Salem, married August 16, 1876, Mary E. Foote, of Conway, Mass., daughter of David A. and Esther E. Foote. Their children are: Annie, Frances, and Harold Foote. Lester Ballard, a farmer in New Salem, married September 2, 1875, Emma F., daughter of Edwin K. and Charlotte M. Parkhurst, of Chelmsford, Mass. Their children are: Winifred E., Hattie L., and Ruth P.

As indicated above, Daniel Ballard, of New Salem, is the second son of the late Daniel Ballard, Sr., and was born in Wendell. After leaving the public schools, he attended the New Salem Academy and the Ames Business College at Syracuse, N.Y., where he completed his education, afterward teaching in the winter

season and working on the home farm during seed time and harvest. In 1862, inspired by patriotic ardor, Mr. Ballard enlisted in the service of his country, becoming a member of Company D, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, with which he was at the front under General N. P. Banks, in Louisiana, for nine months, when he returned home, broken down in health and reduced to a mere skeleton. Not able to do any hard labor for some time, he at first accepted the position of a clerk, and, gradually growing stronger, at length entered into the lumber business with his brothers, they carrying on an extensive traffic until burned out. In 1874 Mr. Ballard purchased the Upton farm of one hundred and fifty acres in New Salem, where he has since resided. He has here built a commodious and convenient barn, repaired the other buildings, and by a system of under-draining has rendered his estate one of the most productive and valuable in the vicinity. He pays much attention to dairying, having a choice herd of Jersey cows, this being an important branch of his industry.

On November 11, 1868, Mr. Ballard was united in marriage with Bessie P. Foote, a daughter of David A. and Esther (Hill) Foote, her father being a well-to-do farmer of Conway, Mass. Mrs. Esther H. Foote died January 1, 1858. By this marriage Mr. Foote had five children, namely: Frances, born December 30, 1840, died July 28, 1841; Bessie P., born November 26, 1843; David A., Jr., born December 2, 1847, died September 13, 1849; Mary E., born May 27, 1852; and Etta E., born December 31, 1857, died December 15, 1878. After the death of his first wife David A. Foote married Lucetta Felton, who bore him one child, Eliza F., born April 10, 1861, who died November 5, 1879. Mr. Foote died December 18, 1869, at the age of fifty-nine

years. He was a strong Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ballard are the parents of four children, of whom but two are living, namely: Frederick F., born January 3, 1872; and May E., born July 14, 1873. The deceased are: Bessie J., born September 10, 1876, and died April 30, 1893; and Lottie L., who was born May 22, 1879, and passed to the higher life December 19, 1885. Mr. Ballard is a stalwart Republican in politics, and has served his town with credit as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for ten years, as a valued member of the School Board for many terms, and in 1882 was Representative to the State legislature. He is now one of the Trustees of the New Salem Academy. He and his wife are esteemed members of the Congregational church, of which he is a Deacon and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and are active workers in the cause of religion and humanity.

JAMES R. LONG, a well-known farmer of Greenfield, his native town, was born January 5, 1841, son of Lemuel H. and Sabrina (Flagg) Long. David Long, the grandfather of James R., married Millicindy Brooks, January 13, 1778, in Vermont, and, leaving that State, came to Greenfield, where he settled. He was a hard-working farmer, and, as a military man, served in the War of 1812. He successfully reared a family of eight sons and eight daughters, three of whom are still living. Grandfather Long died at the age of ninety-four, and his wife at ninety years, both in Greenfield.

Mr. Long's maternal grandfather, Jonathan Flagg, father of Sabrina Flagg, was born February 26, 1775, in Worcester, Mass.; and his

wife, Sabra Titus, was born May 16, 1775. He owned and worked a good farm in Vermont; but in 1826 he moved to Greenfield, and bought, in company with Lemuel H. Long, the one hundred acres of land which to-day constitute the farm now conducted by James R. Long. The house which stands on it to-day was standing then, having been built fourteen years before, and was widely known as "A. Thayer's Hostelry," it being in the centre of the business portion of Greenfield at that time. This farm Jonathan Flagg and Lemuel Long continued to work in partnership till the death of the former. Mr. Flagg was a musician of some note, and a man of dignified presence, well-known as Squire Flagg, having for many years been Justice of the Peace in Vermont. In politics he was a Democrat. He had five children, all of whom grew to maturity, but are all now deceased. Mr. Flagg died in Greenfield April 12, 1864, and his wife January 29, 1861.

Lemuel H. Long was born in Marlboro, Vt., November 10, 1799; but most of his boyhood and youth were spent in Halifax. When twenty-one years of age, he moved to Greenfield, and was apprenticed to his brother David to learn the blacksmith's trade. After a time he became a partner with his brother, and they continued the business together until 1826, when Lemuel disposed of his interest, and moved to the farm where his son now resides, where he remained, tilling the soil, till his death, which took place February 24, 1881. He was married April 22, 1828, to Sabrina Flagg, who was born in Wilmington, Vt., January 14, 1802, and died January 1, 1859.

On June 19, 1860, Lemuel H. Long's second marriage was solemnized, the bride being Julia Hinsdale, who is a native of Upper Meadows, Greenfield. The Hinsdale family are highly esteemed and numbered among the

older residents of Franklin County. Mrs. Julia H. Long's great-grandfather, Samuel Hinsdale, who was an early settler of Greenfield, was born April 24, 1708, and his wife, Rebecca, June 13, 1703. Mrs. Long's father, Samuel Hinsdale, a native of Greenfield and a farmer, married Sally Clark, of Colerain. Both died in Greenfield, he at a ripe old age. They had ten children, four of whom are now living: Emily; Fanny; Julia, Mrs. Long; and Maria, now Mrs. Baker. Mrs. Long has in her possession the old family Bible, which is in a good state of preservation, and dates back to the year 1708. Mr. Long, Lemuel H., was an attendant of the Episcopal church, and in politics belonged to the Democratic party. He had seven children, five of whom grew up, and two are now living, namely: James R. Long, born January 5, 1841; and his sister, Sabra T. Long, born March 26, 1844. The others were: Sabra, born February 3, 1829, died October 6, 1843; Jonathan F., born December 30, 1830, died April 9, 1853; Saloman H., born December 31, 1832, died November 7, 1893; and Alanson B., who was United States District Attorney for the district of Louisiana, born March 26, 1835, died October 30, 1870.

James R. Long was educated in the public schools in Greenfield, where he grew to manhood, since which time he has followed the occupation of farmer. He and his sister reside with their step-mother, Mrs. Julia H. Long, on the old home farm, where he runs a dairy in connection with fruit-raising and general farming. James R. Long and his brother, Captain A. B. Long, were mustered into the United States Infantry, Company A, Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Militia, October 2, 1862, to serve nine months. The regiment was assigned to the Second Brigade, Fourth Division, Fourteenth



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Army Corps, and participated in the demonstration against Port Hudson, La., March 14, 1863, and also in the following engagements: Irish Bend, La., April 13, 1863; siege of Port Hudson, La., May 30, 1863; and Jackson's Cross Roads, La., June 20, 1863. The Fifty-second was the first regiment to ascend the Mississippi River from Port Hudson after the surrender of Vicksburg, Miss. The Long brothers were mustered out of service in Greenfield, August 14, 1863, James R. being Fifth Sergeant of his company. Mr. Long has never ventured on the sea of matrimony, but remains content in single blessedness, his step-mother and sister living with him. In politics he is independent. Mr. and Miss Long are Episcopalians.

ILLIAM STEWART, whose likeness will be recognized on the opposite page, an influential and highly respected resident of Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., was born upon the farm he now owns and cultivates, September 16, 1820. He is a son of Captain Amos and Margaret (Oak) Stewart, both of whom were born at Colerain, the former on June 4, 1793, and the latter on June 15, 1797. The family are of Scotch ancestry, being descendants of Charles Stewart, who, in company with his brothers, James and John, settled upon a tract of land in this town about the year 1740. They cleared good farms from the forests, and resided here for the remainder of their lives. Mr. Stewart's great-grandfather was William Stewart, a noted man in his day; and his son, David Stewart, who was born at Colerain in June, 1760, became a very active farmer. He died at the age of sixty-nine years; and his wife, whose maiden name was Miriam Haven, who was born at Hopkinton, Mass., December 27, 1760, died

at the age of eighty-five years, having been the mother of four sons and two daughters, as follows: David, Jane, Amos, Elizabeth, William, and Joram.

Amos Stewart was reared to an agricultural life upon the old home farm, and resided there for his entire life. He was a hard-working and successful farmer, and a prominent man in the community, in religion always adhering to the Presbyterian faith, serving as Selectman and Assessor for many years, and representing his district in the legislature for three years. He was also a soldier and pensioner of the War of 1812. He died June 17, 1867, at the age of seventy-four years, his wife having been previously called to rest on August 29, 1850, aged fifty-three years. Of their ten children, all reached maturity but one, and four sons are now living: Amariah H., a resident of Connecticut, who was born May 13, 1818; William, of Colerain; Silas S., now deceased, who was born December 21, 1822; David, a resident of Michigan, who was born July 29, 1827; Amos, who was born December 29, 1829, and died young; Amos, 2d, a resident of Colerain, who was born May 13, 1833; Charles, also deceased, born June 29, 1836; Nancy Jane, born June 10, 1825, and died September 16, 1849; Mary Abbie, born February 13, 1839, and died November, 1882; and George H., born June 29, 1843, and died April 6, 1888. Captain Amos Stewart was twice married, his second wife having been Lydia Babcock, of Colerain, who died at the age of eighty years, on January 21, 1883, leaving no children.

William Stewart, like his immediate ancestors, has passed his entire life upon the farm where he now resides, the property having been in the possession of the family for a century and a half. He received his education in the district schools, and assisted his father in

carrying on the farm until the latter's decease, after which the estate was managed jointly by himself and his brother. Mr. Stewart succeeded the ownership of a part of the old homestead, which consists of about one hundred acres, and is devoted to general farming. He has been a tireless worker all his life and eminently successful, being considered by his fellow-townsmen to be one of the most prosperous farmers in the neighborhood. The land is in a high state of cultivation, being admirably located, and finely equipped and substantial buildings are kept in perfect repair. Although Mr. Stewart is considerably past threescore and ten, he is still actively engaged in superintending his farm, personally attending to all details, as has been his custom for so many years.

On November 26, 1851, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Chapin, whose father, Erastus Chapin, was born at Springfield, Mass., in 1790. Erastus Chapin was a farmer who resided at Leyden during a greater part of his active life, and who died at Greenfield, April 30, 1870. His wife, who was born at Colerain, December 26, 1790, died on June 26, 1867. Of their six children, four lived to reach maturity, but only one now survives, David G., a resident of Greenfield, born August 27, 1824. Eliza Jane, now deceased, was born April 25, 1813; Sarah E., also deceased, was born March 10, 1818; Julius E., deceased, born December 14, 1821; Mrs. Mary C. Chapin Stewart died July 30, 1895, aged seventy-nine; and Miriam Chapin, born August 27, 1827, died August 6, 1895. Mrs. Stewart was well known and much esteemed in the community, of which she and her husband were among the oldest residents. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, having united with it at eighteen years of age; and he also has been connected with it many

years, during a greater portion of which he has held official position in the society. Mr. William Stewart has long been prominently identified with local public affairs, having served the town as Selectman and Assessor, and was a representative to the State legislature in 1873. His home is in many respects a model one, and now, in the absence of the devoted wife and mother, is cheered and presided over by the only daughter, Edith E., who was born on September 20, 1870, and is also an active member of the Methodist church.

HENRY S. SMEAD, a capable and energetic farmer of Greenfield, was born in that town, October 22, 1858. The Smeads were among the early settlers of Greenfield, the grandfather, Jesse Smead, being born here, January 9, 1785. When a young man, he bought the farm where Henry S. Smead now resides, and in course of time brought it into a high state of cultivation. In politics he was a Whig, and both he and his wife were attendants of the Congregational church. His death occurred at the farm September 20, 1858. He was twice married. His first wife, Martha Allen, was born in Shelburne, December 3, 1823. For his second wife he married Matilda Allen, who died February 6, 1853. They had a family of six children, none of whom are now living. Their son, Sylvenus A. Smead, father of Henry S., was born on the farm, August 22, 1825, and here spent his life. After growing to man's estate, he became the owner of the farm in company with his brother; and they carried on its various industries together until the brother's death, when Sylvenus bought the entire property, which at that time amounted altogether to about three hundred acres of land, besides the farm buildings, it being one

of the largest farms in the town. Politically, he was a Republican; and his ready mind and practical business methods were called into use in public affairs, he being called upon at different times to fill various town offices, among them that of Assessor. He married Susan M. Ballou, who was born February 7, 1835; and they became the parents of two children: S. Gertrude, born December 13, 1864, now the wife of Charles A. Wheeler, of Greenfield; and Henry S., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Smead died April 22, 1873. His wife survived him until August 6, 1895. Both were members of the Congregational church.

Henry S. Smead attended the district and high schools of Greenfield until reaching the age of fourteen years and six months, when, on his father's death, he took charge of the farm. Inheriting the characteristic energy of his father, he applied himself to work with such good effect as to achieve a marked success, and now owns the old farm, which consists at the present time of two hundred and twenty-five acres. Here he carries on general farming, and also has a good dairy, keeping from thirty to forty head of full-blood Durhams. The buildings are in good condition, and the entire property presents a neat and thriving appearance. Mr. Smead is a stanch Republican, but does not care to hold office, preferring a private life to participation in active politics. He is liberal in his religious views. On October 26, 1892, he was married to Alice L. Newcomb, who was born in Leyden, April 27, 1865, the daughter of John H. and Frances (Denison) Newcomb, both of whom are now living in Leyden, Mr. Newcomb being a farmer of that place. Mrs. Smead is a member of the Congregational church; and she and her husband, while enjoying the comforts of their pleasant home, are not unmindful of

others, but lead unselfish lives, and are among the most useful and esteemed members of their community.

EBENEZER A. DEANE, M.D., a highly respected physician of Montague, and, with one exception, the oldest medical practitioner in Franklin County, was born at Royalston, Worcester County, Mass., January 16, 1825. His father, Jeremiah Deane, was a native of Warwick; and his grandfather Deane, who for many years followed agricultural pursuits in that town, was born at Dedham, Mass., and died at Geneseo, N.Y., aged eighty-eight years.

Jeremiah Deane was one of a family of nine children. On reaching the age of twenty-one, he purchased a farm at Burlington, N.Y., which he occupied for about twelve years, when he sold it, and, moving to Royalston, Mass., bought a saw and grist mill; but, after operating the mill successfully for some years, he disposed of the property, and purchased a farm at Gill, where he resided until his decease, at eighty-eight years of age. His wife, whose name before marriage was Rhoda Allen, was a native of Gill, where her father was a miller and a farmer. She became the mother of ten children, two of whom are still living: Dr. Deane; and his elder sister, Rhoda A., widow of Abel Bliss, residing at Westfield, aged (1895) eighty-five years, her husband having died in 1844. One son, the Rev. James O. Deane, who was educated at Wesleyan Academy, and, becoming a Methodist preacher at the age of twenty-five, labored upon a circuit which embraced Hampshire, Hampden, and Berkshire Counties, died at Pelham when he was thirty-four years old. The others were: Merciline Deane, died at sixty-eight years; Hannah, also deceased, was the wife of Adams Prouty; Hiram W., de-

ceased, aged seventy-two years; Achsah W.; Albert E.; Hepsibah J.; Harriet N.; and another daughter — who are all now deceased. Dr. Deane's parents were members of the Congregational church. His mother lived to the age of eighty-six years.

Ebenezer A. Deane resided with his parents upon the farm until reaching the age of twenty years. In his boyhood and early youth he diligently pursued his studies in the district schools and in Goodale Academy at Bernardston, after which he attended the academy at Shelburne Falls, where he was engaged as assistant teacher for two years. It was during this period that he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Stephen J. W. Tabor, of Shelburne Falls. Later he attended medical lectures at Woodstock, Vt., and then entered Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass., from which he graduated in 1853. He immediately entered upon the duties of his profession at Jacksonville, in the town of Whitingham, Vt., where he remained eight years. In 1861 he came to Montague, and in October of that year commenced a practice which has extended over a period of more than thirty-three years. When he established his residence here, he was the youngest member of the Franklin District Medical Society; and he has witnessed the passing away of all the original associates, he being at the present time next to the oldest member in the county. He has been exceedingly active, always ready to attend to the medical needs of a public distributed over a radius of many miles, and for forty-two years in all has ridden through the storms of winter and the heat of summer in the faithful discharge of his arduous duties.

On May 15, 1854, he was united in marriage with Hannah D. Sanderson, of Woodstock, Vt., where her father, John Sanderson, was a farmer. She was one of three children

born to her mother, who was a second wife. Dr. and Mrs. Deane have two daughters, both residing at home, namely: Angelia M., a graduate of the Boston Conservatory of Music, who taught music for some years, but is now engaged in studying painting; and Mary, who was educated at Wilbraham. The Doctor is a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, of which he has been Vice-President, and of the County Medical Society, of which he has been the presiding officer. He was sent to New York State Medical Society from the Massachusetts Medical Society as delegate to its annual meeting. He is a Republican in politics, and has served upon the School Board for many years. Dr. Deane was instrumental in securing the establishment of the Montague Public Library, of which he was a Trustee for several years. He is an active member of the Congregational church, being closely identified with its affairs and a teacher in the Sunday-school. Mrs. Deane has been President of the Ladies' Benevolent Society for many years, of which also her eldest daughter is Secretary and Treasurer. Her youngest daughter, Mary, is President of the Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor, devoting much time to church and Sunday-school work.

FRANK J. LAWLER, attorney-at-law in Greenfield, Mass., is a young man of great promise, possessing undeniable ability, and has a fair prospect of achieving a brilliant success in his professional career. A native of Franklin County, he was born at South Deerfield, July 31, 1863, son of the late James Lawler, who was born in 1832, in Dorola, County Cavan, Ireland. His grandparents were Francis and Margaret (Lee) Lawler, who came to America in 1858, and located in this county, at South Deerfield, where they

engaged in tilling the soil. To them fourteen children were born, seven of whom came with them to this country. They both lived more than fourscore years, the mother dying at the age of eighty-one, and the father soon after, aged eighty-three years, their bodies being laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery of Greenfield.

James Lawler, the father of the subject of this sketch, followed his parents to this country in 1860, and lived for some years in South Deerfield, being there married to Margaret Hafey, who was born in Ballanclay, County Waterford, Ireland. He subsequently removed to Leicester, in Worcester County, where he was employed as a leather worker in a factory manufacturing cards to be used in carding wool. His health failing, he was obliged to relinquish his position, and in 1881 came to Greenfield, Mass., and was a continuous resident of that place until his death, November 5, 1886. Of their children, one, Margaret J., died at the age of three years. The following is the record of the four living now: Frank J., to whom this sketch has special reference; Nicholas J., Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue and a real estate and insurance broker, at Room 1, Pond's Block, Greenfield; Thomas L., of the firm of Lawler Brothers, real estate and insurance brokers, Room 1, Pond's Block, Greenfield; and Mary A., wife of Edward Donovan, a prosperous grocer of Greenfield. The mother is still living, her residence being at No. 13 Wells Street, Greenfield; and her three sons, all unmarried, live with her.

Frank J. Lawler began his education in the public schools of his native town, and afterward pursued his studies in the Leicester public schools. At the age of thirteen years, his father being in poor health, he was placed in a shoe factory, that his scanty wages might

contribute somewhat to the support of the family. In 1881 he came with his parents to Greenfield, and for twelve or more years was employed in the Cutler shoe factory. He was an ambitious scholar, however, and from the time he left the school-room was a diligent student of the best books he could procure, and by application acquired an amount of general knowledge far exceeding that of many academic students. In 1888 Mr. Lawler began to devote his evenings and his leisure moments to reading law in the office of S. O. Lamb, who from the first appreciated his talents, and lent him encouragement in his endeavors. He subsequently entered the law department of the Boston University, from which he was graduated in June, 1894, and in the following month was admitted to the bar in Franklin County. He began his professional career by opening an office on his own account; but soon afterward, on February 1, 1895, he became the junior partner of the well-known firm of Lamb & Lawler, and during the short time he has been in practice he has had his share of patronage. He is quite prominent in social and political circles, being a member of the Father Mathew Temperance Society and of the Catholic church. He is a sound Democrat, and has been a member of the town committee.

Nicholas J. Lawler was appointed United State Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourteenth Division in the Third District of Massachusetts in September, 1894, to succeed John E. Drew. The *Springfield Republican*, in its issue of September 21, 1894, says in reply to the question, "Who is Lawler?" "Well, he is a bright and worthy young man, full of push and energy, who has by close application and downright hard work come to the front, rising from the ranks of toilers, surprising many by his attainments in

life, and already showing a capacity that will, no doubt, justify his appointment."

Thomas L. Lawler was born in South Deerfield, October 23, 1868, and received his education in the public schools of Leicester and Greenfield, Mass. After leaving school, he learned the plumber's trade, which he followed until June, 1895, when he entered into partnership with his brother, Nicholas J., in the real estate and insurance business. The firm name was changed to Lawler Brothers, Real Estate and Insurance Agency. Thomas L. Lawler is a bright, wide-awake young man, of good business ability. He is strictly temperate, a member of the Father Mathew Temperance Society and the Knights of Columbus.

The Lawler boys are most worthy and industrious young men, of exceptional ability, and deserve credit for what they have already accomplished by their own unaided efforts. Their widowed mother early implanted in their hearts the upright principles that have been their guides through life, and she now takes a justifiable pride in their well-doing.

CHARLES H. ROBERTSON, who is foremost among the stock-raisers and fruit-growers of Leyden, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Westminster, Vt., November 23, 1850. His parents were William and Mary (Martin) Robertson, the former a native of Brattleboro, Vt., the latter of Guilford; and his grandfather was one of the early settlers in the neighborhood of Brattleboro, a brief synopsis of whose career will be found in the sketch of Roswell B. Robertson, on another page of this volume. William Robertson was a successful farmer, and owned a good farm of about seventy-five acres. Politically, he was a Democrat, and in his religious belief a

Methodist. He died at his home in Leyden on August 18, 1891; and his wife followed to the better land a little more than two years later, January 29, 1894. They had ten children, all of whom reached maturity, namely: Edward W., now deceased; Harriet, Mrs. Stewart, a resident of East Colerain; Roswell B., a farmer in West Leyden; Martha E., Mrs. Brackett, living at Green River, Vt.; Albert R., a dealer in hides and tallow in Burlington, Vt.; James P., John H., and Alonzo M., all of New York City; Charles H., of Leyden; and Julia J., Mrs. Babb, living in Fitchburg.

The childhood and early youth of Charles H. Robertson were passed in Leyden on the old homestead. At the age of nineteen he went to New York City, and engaged in the provision business, remaining fourteen years; and in 1880 he bought the farm which he now cultivates. In 1882 he returned to Leyden to live, engaging in general farming. His farm covers one hundred and thirty-five acres, and, being largely devoted to fruit-growing, makes a fine showing of all kinds to which the climate is adapted. Mr. Robertson also has a good dairy and some fine stock, raising sheep, hogs, and poultry for the market; and, besides common table produce, he cultivates a variety of small grains.

On September 16, 1874, Mr. Robertson was married to Mary Della Miner, daughter of James R. and Mary Miner, of Leyden, and a member of one of the oldest families in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have one son, Walter H., born in New York, June 22, 1878.

Mr. Robertson votes the Democratic ticket. His religious belief binds him to no fixed creed; but his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he attends service with her. He belongs to the A. F. & A. M., being a member of Republican Lodge of

Greenfield. His estate is a fine one, and the neat appearance of the buildings and luxuriant growth of the vegetation show that the manager is a man of methodical ways and abundant resources.

MRS. CAROLINE C. FURBUSH, of Greenfield, widow of the late Merrill A. Furbush, was born at Deerfield, her maiden name having been Stone. Her maternal grandfather was Deacon Elisha Field, of that town, who married a daughter of Major Hubbard, of Sunderland; and Mrs. Furbush is thus related to Eugene Field, the poet and journalist, of Chicago, and to Marshall Field of that city, and is also connected with the Montagues. Left an orphan at a tender age by the untimely death of her parents, Caroline C. Stone was cared for by her grandparents and her aunt, Mrs. Alonzo Rice, of Deerfield. She was educated in the schools of her native town, and in 1858 was married in Worcester, Mass., to Merrill A. Furbush, an extensive manufacturer.

Mr. Furbush was a native of Worcester County, Mass., and in early manhood became interested in the manufacture of improved machinery for woollen mills. In 1860 he transferred his business to Philadelphia, where he continued at the head of an extensive and successful enterprise. He was a gentleman who possessed much business ability, together with a thorough understanding of the general principles and conditions of manufacturing and trade at home and abroad, he having travelled much, both for the purpose of sight-seeing and the observation of the industrial methods of other countries. In the beautiful residence built by Mr. Furbush in Greenfield in 1884, the work of the distinguished architect and writer, E. C. Gardner, of Springfield, author of "Homes, and How to make them" and

"The House that Jill built," Mr. and Mrs. Furbush spent the ensuing summers till his death, which occurred on March 31, 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years.

After that event the business established in Philadelphia by Mr. Furbush was placed in the hands of a stock company, which was organized for the purpose of conducting it, with Merrill A. Furbush, Jr., as its official head, this gentleman, who has been recently married, being the only son. Mrs. Furbush has buried one daughter, Christine, who died February 9, 1888, and has two others, namely: Grace F., wife of Frank Bement, of Philadelphia, having one daughter—Florence; and Caroline C., wife of Dr. J. P. Holmes, of Milford, Mass., who is now travelling in Europe.

Mrs. Furbush came to Greenfield to reside permanently in 1894. She is a lady of both literary and artistic tastes, and possesses a valuable library filled with choice and rare books, many of them in rich and costly binding, engravings, etchings, and bas-reliefs, together with various literary curiosities, including autograph letters of celebrated poets, artists, authors, actors, singers, and dramatists. The works of art embrace a fine steel engraving of Longfellow; a portrait of Abraham Lincoln woven into silk, which Mr. Furbush purchased at Lyons, France; an etching by Baldini of the fifteenth century; an engraving of the prophet Ezekiel, dated 1624; and an *édition de luxe* of the new gallery of British art. The attractiveness of the home of Mrs. Furbush, especially to the book-lover and art student, is enhanced by the fact that this lady is a kind and agreeable hostess, evidently one who takes pleasure in giving pleasure, exemplifying the poet's word,

"Make others happy. All who joy would win
Must share it: happiness was born a twin."

She is a member of the Universalist church, as was also her husband.

GEORGE H. GODDARD, a prominent farmer, residing in Montague, Franklin County, Mass., was born in this town, November 24, 1844. He is a son of Sandford Goddard, whose father, Henry Goddard, was a native of Worcester County, and there spent most of his life, but died at the home of Sandford, in Montague.

Sandford Goddard was born in Royalston, Worcester County, being one of seven children, and was brought up a farmer; but at the age of seventeen he went to Boston, and engaged in trucking, soon after buying out his brother's interest in the business, and conducting it independently. At the age of twenty-five he married, and went to Royalston, where he bought a farm, and resided two years. In 1837 he removed to Montague, purchasing the farm on which his son now resides, remaining here till his death, which occurred at the age of fifty-seven years. Mr. Sandford Goddard was a man well known and highly appreciated in the community, a stanch Republican, and formerly a prominent member of the Whig party, taking an active part in the politics of the day. He was elected to represent the county as State Senator in 1860, served on the Board of Selectmen many years, and filled the office of trial justice for a long period of time. He married Miss Julia Kendall, of Vermont, who brought up six children, four of whom are now living, as follows: Edward L., a soldier of the late war, and now living retired at Turner's Falls; Elvira, wife of George C. Kaulback, a leather manufacturer, of Newark, N.J.; George H.; and Julia A., wife of D. F. Hamilton, of Greenfield, an ex-Postmaster, who was also a member of the legislature one

term, and is now connected with the Green River machine works of Wiley & Russell. One of the children who died was Prentice H., who served in the Civil War, and lost his life at New Orleans. The mother of these children died at the age of forty-seven years.

George H. Goddard grew up on the home farm, attending the schools of the town and assisting his father till he was seventeen years of age, when he was obliged to take full charge of the place. This he continued till his father's death; and then he leased the farm, and went West. After two years' absence, having spent some time in California and Colorado, he returned to the East, and took up his old employments. Mr. Goddard is now the owner of three hundred acres of land, devoted to dairy purposes, and keeps a fine herd of Holstein cows. He conducted a successful milk route to Miller's Falls for fifteen years, but for the last three years has furnished milk to the neighboring creamery.

Mr. Goddard was married in 1875 to Miss Julia Hammond, daughter of John Hammond, of Ashburnham, who was by trade a ship carpenter of Boston. They are the parents of two children, named respectively Hattie May and Sarah Hammond. Mr. Goddard is a charter member of the Grange, a farmers' organization of the locality, founded in 1885, in which he has held all of the offices. He is a Republican in politics, has been Overseer of the Poor four years, and has filled the office of Selectman since 1890. He has also been one of the directors of the Creamery Association since its formation, being at one time its President. Election to these many offices is an indication of the high regard in which this gentleman is held by his fellow-townsmen and friends. Mr. Goddard is also one of the Trustees of the Congregational church at Montague, his wife being a member, and the family being all con-



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nected with the Sunday-school, and taking prominent parts in its various activities.

EDWIN A. STRATTON, manufacturer of spirit levels at Greenfield, Franklin County, is one who by his own exertions has steadily climbed the ladder of prosperity, and occupies an honorable position in the esteem of his fellow-men. He was born at Northfield, Mass., September 15, 1819, being a son of Asa Stratton, who was born in the same town, September 10, 1786. Northfield was likewise the place of nativity of Asa Stratton, Sr., who was at the battle of Bennington, under the command of General Stark, and was one of the militia that went with the regulars to arrest the progress of General Burgoyne. Mr. E. A. Stratton still has in his possession the gun which his grandfather carried through the Revolutionary War. The story of the ancient weapon, contributed to these pages by a great-grand-daughter of the patriot, will be found appended to this sketch.

Members of the Stratton family are mentioned in the early records of Watertown, Cambridge, and Concord, Mass., the first thus noted being Samuel, who was born in England in 1592, crossed the Atlantic before 1648, was at Watertown in 1652, and died in 1672. One of his sons, Richard Stratton, came over in the "Speedwell" in 1656. Another son was Samuel, Jr., who married Mary Fry in 1651, and a few years later moved to Concord, where their son Samuel was born in 1660. Hezekiah Stratton, son of the third Samuel, removed to Deerfield about the year 1713, and thence in 1715 to Northfield, where he was one of the earliest permanent settlers. Asa Stratton, Sr., son of Eliezer and grandson of Hezekiah, married Lucy Woodbury, of Barre, Mass.; and they had a family of seven sons and

two daughters, of whom one daughter died young, and the remaining children married and reared families. Grandfather Stratton was quite a wealthy farmer, and of the four hundred acres of land included in his homestead property, much is retained in the family in the form of wood lots. The grandmother lived to the age of seventy-six years, surviving her husband sixteen years, his death having occurred in 1816.

Asa Stratton, the younger, was a farmer by occupation, carrying on mixed husbandry on the homestead farm in Northfield until 1854, when he sold out and removed to Greenfield, where he lived in retirement until his decease, April 3, 1869, being then fourscore and three years of age. The maiden name of his life companion was Sophia Holton. She was a native of Northfield, born in 1794, and was a woman of more than average ability and brightness, retaining the use of her faculties until the close of her long life of ninety-six years, on November 4, 1891. Mrs. Sophia H. Stratton bore her husband seven children, of whom three are yet living: Edwin A.; Sarah, wife of C. T. Buffum, of Keene, N.H.; and Oscar G., who is unmarried, and resides in Greenfield. The deceased are as follows: Sarah, the first, who died at the age of seven years; Franklin A.; Charles M.; and Dr. F. S. Stratton, who died September 20, 1894. Franklin A. was a Colonel of the Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry in the late Civil War, and was twice wounded in battle. He was afterward a civil engineer in the government employ, at Washington, D.C., being at one time in charge of the construction department at the navy yard, going thence to California, where he worked on the fortifications at the navy yard on Mare Island. His war record was brilliant and honorable, he having risen from the ranks to the office of Colonel, in

which capacity he acted at the surrender of Lee; and after the close of the war he was brevetted Brigadier-general. The sword presented to him by his regiment is now one of the valued possessions of his brother Edwin. Colonel Stratton died in Philadelphia in 1879, being then but fifty years old, and left a widow, but no children. Charles M. Stratton was associated with Edwin A. in business for many years as a carpenter and builder, the partnership continuing until the decease of Charles, on August 3, 1893, aged seventy years. He also left a widow, but no children.

Edwin A. Stratton was the third child and the second son born to his parents, and, in common with his brothers and sisters, received his education in the district school, being reared on the home farm, whence they all scattered to different parts of the United States. Mr. Stratton never learned a regular trade, but, in company with his brother Charles, began carpentering in Northfield, and continued his occupation in Boston and the suburban towns. In 1848 he came to the western part of the State, and in the following fourteen years built many houses in Greenfield and vicinity. From 1862 until 1865 he was employed by the United States government in the Springfield Armory; and in 1869 he and his brother established the business that he now carries on alone, building their own shop. They made many improvements in their manufactures, including wood and metal levels, and, having begun in a modest way, built up an extensive and paying business.

Mr. Stratton has been twice married, his first wife, Almira Purple, of Gill, having died after three years of wedded life, in 1854, leaving one daughter, Almira, who married Fred Chase, and is the mother of two interesting children, the family residing in Keene, N.H. In 1857 Mr. Stratton was united in wedlock

with Ellen A. Sawyer, of Northfield, a daughter of Asahel Sawyer. Two children have been born of this union: Edith A., the elder, keeping books in her father's factory; and Lena L. S., who was graduated from Smith College, Northampton, in 1892, and is now taking a post-graduate course, devoting herself to the study of art, in which she has already shown much ability. Mr. Stratton is always an interested actor in movements calculated to advance both the material and moral welfare of his community, being a liberal supporter of institutions of education and religion. He and his family are liberal Christians of the Unitarian type, followers of Channing and Martineau. In politics first a Whig, and later, naturally, a Republican, he voted in 1840 for General William H. Harrison, and in 1888 for his grandson, Benjamin Harrison. The portrait of Mr. Stratton, herewith presented, is the likeness of a worthy representative of an old and patriotic New England family.

THE OLD BEAR GUN.

We do not know for certainty just when this old gun was brought to this country, but probably it was brought from England with the first Strattons who came over. It is made like the old English guns, and, besides, it is known to have been in the family before there were any guns made in this country; and it is not probable that in coming to a new country they would have come without a gun with which to protect themselves from the wild beasts and Indians. The first account we have of the gun's figuring prominently in affairs is that our great-grandfather carried it in the Revolution, where it did its share, with others like it, in helping to free our country. It was carried by our great-grandfather at the battle of Bennington; and it was there that he cut with a knife his initial, A for Asa, on the butt of the gun, where it can still be seen.

One of the adventures in which the gun has

figured was this: There was an old bear in the neighborhood of Northfield Mountain, which people had been hunting for several days. There was a light snow on the ground; and great-grandfather, in looking for his hogs which were allowed to run in the woods, came across her tracks in the snow, and followed them until he found where she had gone under some fallen logs. He returned to the house, took his gun, and went back, followed by his two boys, Roswell and Asa. Great-grandfather then fired in where he thought the bear was, but failed to awaken her, and, saying to his boys, "I guess she has gone," he crawled under the logs to investigate, when suddenly he came upon her; but, nothing daunted, he called to Roswell to hand him the gun. Firing, he wounded the bear, but did not kill her; and she went tearing off through the brush, snorting and growling. It was then nearly dark. Great-grandfather notified some of the neighbors; and they came out the next morning with a dog, which scented and followed the bear until he found her, and then chased her over on Round Mountain. Great-grandfather heard the dog barking, and, hastily taking the old gun, started in pursuit, grandfather, then but a lad, following after as best he could. Just as great-grandfather came up to where the bear was, she seized the dog with one paw, and bit him through the neck: at the same time great-grandfather fired at and killed her. Tying up the dog's neck with a handkerchief, they started home in triumph with the bear; and they found, when they dressed her, that the bullet went straight through the heart.

In some other exploit, the exact circumstances of which are lost, great-grandfather fired at a bear, but without effect; and before he could load again she attacked him. So he fought her with the gun; and in the struggle, before the bear was killed, she bit into the stock, and it shows to-day where a long piece of the wood was split off.

For years this gun hung in the kitchen in the old house on the mountain, always loaded, ready to shoot any thieving hawk in search of unwary chickens. When the old house was sold, the gun was brought to Greenfield, and was in the possession of grandfather's son

Charles, at whose death it came to us, to rest after more than a hundred years of active service.

LENA SOPHIA STRATTON.

RICHARD N. OAKMAN, who died recently, September 6, 1895, after an illness of two weeks, formerly a successful teacher, and later a farmer in Montague, where he was an extremely useful, influential, and valuable citizen, was born at Wendell, Mass., January 20, 1818. His father, Joseph Oakman, was born at Chesterfield, N.H.; his grandfather, Joseph B. Oakman, at Lynn, Mass.; and his great-grandfather, Isaac Oakman, was a native of Salem, where he followed agriculture as an occupation. Joseph B. Oakman was a shoemaker, but his son Joseph was a farmer in the town of Wendell. His wife, Mary Nickerson, daughter of Joseph Nickerson, of Provincetown, Mass., was the mother of eight children, only two of whom — Orrin and William — are now living. Her husband having died at the age of forty-nine, Mrs. Mary N. Oakman passed her declining years with her children, living to the advanced age of ninety years. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

Richard N. Oakman completed his studies at the Franklin Academy, Shelburne Falls, when he was seventeen years of age, and entered upon the arduous vocation of an educator, a calling for which he was, in many ways, especially adapted. He taught school continuously for twenty-three years, six of which were spent at the academy in Provincetown, Mass. In 1846 he came to Montague, where he purchased a farm upon which he settled, and conducted it successfully for a period of eleven years. Having succeeded in clearing the property from all financial encumbrances,

he then disposed of it, a good opportunity occurring, and for the next six years had charge of the town farm, during which time he placed it on a self-supporting basis, thus saving an expense of three thousand dollars annually to the town. In 1863 he purchased the property, and resided there until 1877, when he bought the place, which remained his permanent home, and which he immediately occupied, leaving his son to carry on the old town farm, until the latter relinquished farming in order to engage in business. Mr. Oakman then sold the property and afterward devoted his time to his home farm, consisting of about ten acres of fertile land, together with one of the finest residences in this locality.

Mr. Oakman was a Republican in politics, and was long identified with public affairs in the town. He was a Selectman for twenty-eight years, having been continuously in office for twenty-six years; Overseer of the Poor for the same length of time; School Committee for twenty-three years; and a County Commissioner for three years. He was for twenty years a Director of the Crocker National Bank, serving as its President for sixteen years, and had in his possession a beautifully engrossed set of resolutions, expressive of appreciation and esteem, presented by the Board of Directors upon his retirement. Mr. Oakman was also interested in other financial institutions, and he acted as notary public for a period of twenty years.

In 1841 Mr. Oakman was united in marriage with Miss Julia Hawkes, daughter of Ichabod Hawkes, a farmer of Hawley. They became the parents of two sons and two daughters, namely: Richard N. Oakman, Jr., who married Sarah Clarke, of Exeter, N.H., and has one daughter—Anna C.; Julia K., who was educated at Mount Holyoke Seminary, and is a successful teacher; Nellie P., who married

Eugene S. Taft, of Greenfield, and has three children—Eugene, Richard Nickerson, and Julia Kate; and Frank Hawkes Oakman, who married Fanny Davenport, of Providence, and has three children—Ethel, Fannie, and Marion. Mrs. Julia H. Oakman died on May 7, 1894, after having well and faithfully performed the duties of wife and mother for more than half a century. She was formerly a member of the Congregational church at Montague, but later became connected with the church in Greenfield.

THOMAS R. MILLER, a prominent farmer and successful business man in his native town, Colerain, was born on January 24, 1845, son of Robert and Martha Ann (Miner) Miller. Mr. Miller is of Scotch descent. His great-grandfather Miller was one of the pioneer settlers of the town, and was a very enterprising man, doing business as merchant and hotel-keeper, dealing in potash and dipping into various enterprises. He was well known and popular, and was universally missed when he died, at the early age of thirty-six years. His wife lived to an advanced age. They had six children, all of whom grew up, and five were married.

One of their sons was Thomas Miller, who was born in Colerain, and here spent his life. He married Eunice Smith, also a native of this town, daughter of Oren and Keziah (Shepard) Smith, the former born on March 21, 1747, the latter on October 22, 1778. Oren Smith was one of the early settlers of Colerain, where he established a reputation as a lawyer; and he knew as much about raising crops as about knotty points in law. When the trouble with the mother country came to a crisis in the American colonies, Oren Smith joined the Continental army, and took an active

part in the Revolution. On his return from the war he settled on a farm in Colerain, where he died on May 14, 1823, survived nearly fourteen years by his wife, who passed away in April, 1837. They had nine children, all of whom grew to adult years and are now deceased.

Robert, son of Thomas and Eunice (Smith) Miller, was born in Colerain on June 21, 1806. He spent his days in Colerain and Leyden, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was an enterprising and industrious man. In politics he was a stanch Republican, and on the subject of religion his views were liberal. He died on November 3, 1861. His wife, who was born in Leyden on February 5, 1814, is still living, making her home with her son, Thomas R., bright and active in her eighty-second year, and for sixty-five years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church at Leyden Centre. They had ten children, five of whom are now living, namely: Martha Frances, Mrs. Young, in Greenfield; Thomas R., in Colerain; Netta L., Mrs. Denison, of West Leyden; Ozias E., in the same town; and Hattie E., Mrs. Frizzell, in Greenfield. Fanny, Robert M., Harriet, Frank C., and J. Milo are deceased, Robert having been drowned in Green River, April 11, 1842. Frank C. Miller enlisted in the Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and served as a soldier in the War of the Rebellion.

Thomas R. Miller received his schooling in Leyden and Colerain, and early took up the routine of farm work. He has resided at his present home thirty-nine years, and owns the old farm and fifty acres besides, his real estate covering about one hundred and fifty acres. He carries on general farming, and is extensively engaged in stock-raising. The farm is in good condition, its fine appearance being the result of many a hard day's labor on Mr.

Miller's part. The dwelling-house is substantial and comfortable, and has many antique and valuable articles of furniture, among them a clock which has been in the family seventy-seven years. Mr. Miller also owns some rare old books. He has never been married. In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, and he belongs to the class of liberals in religion. He is a good business man, socially agreeable, and esteemed by all with whom he has transactions.

ADDISON JOHNSON, a retired farmer and mechanic of Northfield, was born in this town on October 13, 1811, son of Calvin and Mary (Carey) Johnson. Mr. Johnson's grandfather, Richard Johnson, resided in Old Haddam, Conn., and was a Revolutionary soldier. He settled in Greenfield, Franklin County, Mass., at a time when there were scarcely any houses in that town, and resided there until his death, which occurred November 22, 1811, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Calvin Johnson, Mr. Johnson's father, was born in Old Haddam, but passed his boyhood in Greenfield, where he was reared to an agricultural life. He attended the old district schools, and remained with his parents until becoming of age, when he commenced work for himself as a farm laborer in Greenfield. After his marriage to Mary Carey, of Montague, he moved to Northfield, where he continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his decease, which occurred at the age of seventy-six years. Of their ten children, but two are now living, namely: Addison, the subject of this sketch; and Charles, a resident of Marlboro, Vt. The mother was an attendant of the Baptist church. She died in Northfield at the age of eighty-six years.

Addison Johnson received his education in

the district schools, and at the age of twenty-one abandoned the parental roof for the purpose of commencing life for himself. He was employed during the succeeding two years in the manufacture of sashes and blinds in a factory, which was the first of the kind established in the locality. He then built a factory in the vicinity of his present residence, and, after conducting it successfully twenty-one years, purchased the farm on which he followed agriculture until about ten years since, when he retired from active labor.

Mr. Johnson's first wife, whom he married in 1837, was Almira Bascom, daughter of Henry Bascom, of Gill. She was born in Greenfield, and died in 1875, aged fifty-seven years. Four of their seven children are still living, namely: Jennie E., who married Eli Sherwin, and has two children; Cora B., who married Omer Maris, and has three children — Bertha, Eli, and Henry; Harry, who lives in Indiana; and Mary L., who married Nelson G. Hilliard, a farmer. Henry H. was killed in the army, at the age of twenty-four years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard are as follows: Almira M., who married Frank T. Rice, a machinist of Warren, and has one child — Harold; Alfred A., who married Emma Underwood, and is a civil engineer in Indiana; Josie A., who married Irving Fisk for her first husband, by whom she had one child, Herbert N., married for her second husband Horace C. Wood, by whom she has two children — Alfred A. and Arthur F.; Mira A., who died at the age of ten years; and Belle, who married Luther Tracy, of Chicago, and died in 1882, leaving one child — Mary. Mr. Johnson married for his second wife Mrs. Lydia T. Bigelow, daughter of Ephraim Houghton, a resident of Greenfield.

Mr. Johnson was formerly a Methodist in his religion, but is now connected with the

Congregational church, of which his wife is also a member. A Republican in politics, he has never been an aspirant for public office. Firm in principle, brave in action, Mr. Johnson may well be proud to-day of the fact that he was an "old-time abolitionist," and during long years fought the good fight for freedom, being one of the conductors of the "underground railroad" in the day when, to aid the escape of a fugitive slave, was to be liable to a one thousand dollar fine.

"Then to side with Truth is noble,
When we share her wretched crust,
Ere her cause bring fame and profit,
And 'tis prosperous to be just."

FRED E. ALLEN, of the firm of Allen Brothers, dealers in clothing, gentlemen's furnishing goods of all kinds, trunks, and travelling bags, doing business in Turner's Falls, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Sutton, Worcester County, in this State, January 18, 1855, son of John Allen. Mr. Allen's paternal grandfather, Abner Allen, was born in Sutton in 1753. He was a farmer, and reared a large family there, of whom his son John was the third child.

John Allen attended school during his early life, and at home was trained to farming pursuits. Later he entered on a mercantile career, and carried on a large general store for several years. The latter part of his life was spent in Gardner, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He married Miss Hannah Maynard, a native of Shrewsbury, Mass., a daughter of Silas Maynard, a respected resident of that town. She became the mother of seven children, six of whom are still living, as follows: Clara, wife of E. D. Howe; Frank W.; W. F.; Fred E.; Myron B., in business with his brother, Fred E. Allen; and Charles

D. Allen. Mrs. Hannah Maynard Allen died in Gardner in 1881, at the age of fifty-eight years. Both parents were attendants of the Congregational church.

Fred E. Allen spent his early years in Gardner, going to that town with his father when four years of age. He attended the public schools, finishing his course of study at the high school, and then began life as a clerk in one of the dry-goods stores of the town, changing later to work in a large store in Worcester, which carried supplies of dry-goods, gentlemen's furnishings, etc., in which place he remained ten years, becoming thoroughly acquainted with that line of business. In 1881 Mr. Allen went to Turner's Falls, and in partnership with his brother, Myron B. Allen, established their present attractive and flourishing place of business. After six years, finding it advisable to establish themselves in more commodious quarters, they removed again into a new and handsome building which they had erected for the purpose. This building is three stories in height, and measures twenty-five by ninety feet on the ground plan, and gives space for their full assortment of first-class goods, suiting the requirements of the large and growing trade from the immediate neighborhood and the surrounding villages and farms.

In 1877 Mr. Allen was married to Miss Fastena Buck, a daughter of Charles M. Buck, of Southboro, Mass.; and they became the parents of two children, Elizabeth A. and Ruth B. The family are attendants of the Congregational church, taking active interest in its various departments of work. Mr. Allen is a Republican in his political principles, and is wide-awake to all the improvements which concern the welfare of the town, giving, however, most of his attention to the business which the enterprise and ability of the firm

have made one of the noteworthy establishments of Turner's Falls, the manufacturing centre of this part of the State.

JAMES B. CROMACK, one of the substantial farmers of Colerain, was born in this town, February 6, 1833, son of John and Antis R. (Walkup) Cromack, the latter a native of Colerain, the former of Leyden. Mr. Cromack's paternal grandfather, James C. Cromack, was born in North Leeds, England, and came to Massachusetts in 1796, engaging in the manufacture of woollen fabrics in Franklin County. He was an industrious man, gifted with considerable business ability, but was cut off in his prime, being murdered and robbed while on a trip to New York. He was then but forty years old, and his widow and eight children were left with scanty resources.

His son, John Cromack, went to live as a bound boy with James Barber, remaining with him until eighteen or twenty years of age. He then started out in the world for himself, settling finally in Colerain, where he bought land, and in 1838 established the homestead which is now the family residence. Mr. John Cromack was a hard-working man, and by his industry and integrity won the respect of all who knew him. He held various town offices, including that of Selectman; and he and his wife were members of the Baptist church. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living, namely: George W. and James B., both of Colerain; Eunice, now Mrs. Stetson, of Greenfield; Henry C., Charles, and Albert, all in Colerain. John, Charlotte (Mrs. Potter), and Angelia (Mrs. Hicks) are deceased. The father died in 1858, the mother in 1884.

James B. Cromack grew to manhood and received his schooling in Colerain. At the

age of twenty he hired himself out as a farm hand, working eight months for thirteen dollars a month. He was then engaged by a firm in Troy, N.Y., to sell tinware and Yankee notions on the road, a business which he followed for four years. After the death of his father he bought out the other heirs, and now owns the old home farm, to which he has added land until the estate covers three hundred and twenty-five acres. He carries on general farming and fruit-growing, and also receives quite an income from his dairy products.

On November 14, 1861, Mr. Cromack was married to Ellen Boyd, of Wilmington, Vt., daughter of Abraham and Amanda (Moore) Boyd, the former a well-to-do farmer in Wilmington, who died at the age of fifty-eight. His widow was again married to Jehiel Swift. Mrs. Swift is yet living, a resident of Wilmington. She is eighty-four years old, and, though so advanced in age, still keeps up her connection with the Universalist church. Mr. and Mrs. Cromack have seven children: Frank E., John B., Arthur B., Nellie A., Sidney A., William I., and Antis A. Mr. Cromack is a stanch Republican. He and his wife are liberal in their religious views, and attend various churches. One of the oldest families in this part of the town, they hold the regard and esteem of their neighbors. Mr. Cromack spares neither pains nor labor in his agricultural work, and he has a fine farm and good buildings.

JOHN SANDERSON, of Bernardston, a retired farmer and ex-State Senator, was born July 10, 1814, in the town of Petersham, Worcester County, Mass., son of John, Sr., and Lydia (Morton) Sanderson, the former of whom was also a native of Petersham, where he was born May 21, 1769. Mr.

Sanderson's grandfather, Jonathan Sanderson, was born in Worcester County, September 6, 1740, in the early days of its settlement, before the Indians had all departed from their old hunting grounds. He was a farmer by occupation, and resided in Petersham. He was a man of keen intellect and shrewd business sense, and was often intrusted with the settlement of large estates. Though orthodox in his theology, he was liberal-minded, and was a Whig in politics. He died at the age of ninety-two years. The following is a copy of a document now in possession of his grandson, which is interesting as a relic of the olden time and a memorial of an outgrown custom:

APRIL 20, 1803.

Article of Agreement between Jonathan Sanderson and his son, Curtis, of the first part, and Samuel Stevens of the second part, whereby said Stevens is to build and erect a building in decent and good manner, and in consideration of which said Jonathan Sanderson and son, Curtis Sanderson, is to pay said Stevens the sum of \$340.00, \$200.00 of said amount to be paid in cash and the balance in one year; and it is also further agreed that said Stevens is to have sixteen gallons of New England rum and also sugar to sweeten the same.

The name of Jonathan Sanderson's wife before marriage was Mary Curtis. She was born March 12, 1745, and was about ninety years old at the time of her death. They were the parents of six children, all of whom reached maturity, namely: John, Susanna, Curtis, Sarah, Mary, and Joel.

John Sanderson, the eldest son of Jonathan, grew to manhood in Petersham, and was educated in the schools of that place. After learning the tanner's trade, he started a tannery in Petersham, where he did a profitable business in addition to farming, as he also

owned a good farm in Petersham. He was a man of good business ability, and was of industrious habits. Like his father, he was frequently called upon to settle estates, which indicates that he possessed in a large degree the confidence of those who knew him. He was liberal in his religious faith, and in politics was a Whig. He died July 20, 1831. His wife, Lydia Morton, who was born in Athol, Mass., died in October, 1872. They had two sons, of whom John is the only one living. His brother, Horatio M., died at the age of sixteen years.

John Sanderson, the special subject of this sketch, spent the years of his boyhood in Petersham, and was educated in the common schools of that town. Being seventeen years of age at the time of his father's death, he took charge of the business, and carried it on until 1837, when he sold his possessions in Petersham, bought about one hundred acres of land in Bernardston, and commenced farming, in which occupation he has remained up to the present time, having bought other lands since his first purchase. Mr. Sanderson has a reputation for raising fine-blooded cattle and horses, and has some very fine stock on his farm. He is naturally proud of the fact that he raised the largest ox ever put on the market, according to best information obtainable. The ox was known as "Constitution." His gross weight was three thousand, eight hundred and sixty pounds; and his net weight, when killed at six years of age, was greater in comparison with his gross weight than that of any other beef ever butchered that has a record. In all respects he is an intelligent and progressive man, and takes a leading place among the agriculturists of this vicinity. He has resided on the place where he now lives since about 1842, and has a fine residence with good out-buildings. In addition to his

farm property, he owns real estate in the village. He has always taken an active part in town affairs, and was elected to the State Senate in 1861, serving one term.

Mr. Sanderson was married in October, 1840, to Miss Mary Osgood, who was born September 15, 1816, in Wendell, Mass. She died January 27, 1890. They had a family of nine children, six of whom are now living, as follows: John H., born November 1, 1841, now a banker in Greenfield; Lavalette Osgood, born January 16, 1845, died October 14, 1874; Lucian Morton, born June 5, 1846, died February 19, 1857; Henry H., born July 13, 1848, died August 19, 1887; Mary O., born July 7, 1850, is the wife of A. J. Wood, and resides in Bernardston; Ellery H., born August 14, 1853, resides at home, and is associated with his father in the management of the farm; Maria, born December 10, 1855, also resides at the Sanderson homestead; Lydia, born July 29, 1857, is the wife of C. W. Scott, and resides in Greenfield; and Lucian Sanderson, born June 3, 1859, lives in New Haven, Conn.

STILLMAN K. FIELD, a well-to-do farmer of Leverett, was born in Benson, Vt., December 6, 1834, son of William and Roxie M. (Kellogg) Field. His grandfather, also named William, was a native of Leverett, where he passed his life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Field's father was born in Leverett, where he attended the town schools. He was reared to farm life, and when a young man purchased a farm in this town, which he carried on for some time, later removing to Vermont, in which State he resided for fifteen years. Returning to his native town, he remained here for some time, but finally removed to Amherst, where he died

at the age of forty-seven years. He was a man naturally adapted to attain prominence in the community, and during his residence in Vermont represented his town in the State legislature for two years. His wife, Roxie M. Kellogg, was born in December, 1797, and was a daughter of John Kellogg, of Amherst, a representative of an old family there. She became the mother of six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Charles H., Stillman K., and Edward P. The mother passed her declining years with her son, Edward, and died in September, 1867.

Stillman K. Field when but nine years of age suffered the loss of his father, but made the best of his opportunities for obtaining an education in the schools of his native town. After working upon a farm for a short time, he went to Springfield, where he became a hotel clerk, later being employed in the same capacity in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and St. Louis. In company with his brother he conducted a hotel at Lake George for a time, but later returned to Washington, where he and his brother conducted a hotel in 1861, when the city was under martial law. While upon a visit to his home, the hotel was destroyed by fire, which event caused him to make different plans for the future; and he settled upon his present farm, where he has since resided, engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits.

In 1864 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Moore, of North Leverett, daughter of Dexter Moore, a lumber dealer. Mr. Field is a Democrat in politics, has been Assessor two years, and is serving his seventeenth year as Selectman, having been Chairman of the Board for fifteen years. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church, of which he is Treasurer. He also holds the same office in the Sunday-school.

GEORGE DICKINSON, who resides at the Dickinson homestead in Whately and is a very prosperous farmer, was born in this town, July 21, 1846. His father, Rufus, and his grandfather, Daniel Dickinson, were both natives of Whately, the latter having been a son of Gideon Dickinson, who was born in 1744, and who removed from Hatfield to Whately in 1770, and purchased the property later known as the Dexter Dickinson farm. Daniel Dickinson was born upon that farm; and there his boyhood and youth were spent in pursuing the elementary branches of learning and acquiring experimental knowledge of agriculture. After attaining his majority, he purchased a farm that was situated directly opposite his father's property; and this he occupied for a time, later moving to another farm on Spruce Hill, where he resided until his decease, which occurred in 1830, when he had attained the age of fifty-two years.

Rufus Dickinson was born in 1819 upon the first farm purchased by his father, and after the death of the latter continued to reside with his mother until his marriage, in 1844, at the age of twenty-five years. He inherited the present Dickinson homestead, where he resided several years, and died at the old home December 26, 1894, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia S. Mather, was a daughter of Joseph Mather, whose father, Benjamin Mather, was a sea captain and a native of Connecticut. She became the mother of three children, two of whom are still living; namely, George and his brother Frank, a sketch of whose career will be found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Julia S. M. Dickinson, now seventy-six years of age, resides with the last-named son.

George Dickinson, after attending the district schools of his native town and also a private school, completed his studies at the



RUFUS AND JULIA S. DICKINSON.

Deerfield Academy, and then returned to the parental home, where he has since continued to reside. He successfully conducts general farming, and, availing himself of the improvements which modern science has so effectually applied to agriculture, is enjoying a very prosperous career.

On April 5, 1871, he married Miss Myra E. Fairfield, daughter of George N. and Lydia Brown Fairfield. Mrs. Dickinson is a native of Conway, where her father, who was a tanner and currier, died at the age of eighty-one years. They had a family of seven children, six of whom are still living. Her mother died at the age of eighty years. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson are the parents of six children, as follows: Flora M., who married Charles H. Pease, a farmer of Whately, having one child—Marshal R.; Clara E.; Dennis A. (deceased); Esther A.; William L.; and George R. Mr. Dickinson is a Democrat in politics; and he attends the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member.

On the opposite page will be seen a likeness of Mr. Rufus Dickinson, who, it may here be added, was of the seventh generation in direct descent from Deacon Nathaniel Dickinson, a settler of Wethersfield, Conn., in 1637, Town Clerk in 1645, Representative 1646-56, and later a resident of Hampshire County, Massachusetts.

FRANK DICKINSON is an energetic and successful farmer of Whately, Franklin County, Mass., where he was born, November 9, 1850. Rufus Dickinson, his father, whose portrait may be seen on another page, and his grandfather, Daniel Dickinson, were also natives of this place, the latter having been the son of Gideon Dickinson, who was born at Hatfield, and who, ac-

cording to the history of the town of Whately, published in 1872, settled here in 1770, and followed agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his days. Daniel Dickinson, whose birth occurred in 1778, was reared to an agricultural life, and, after reaching the age of twenty-one years, purchased a farm in the immediate vicinity of his father's property, where he resided until within a few years of his death, which occurred in 1830, at the age of fifty-two years.

Rufus Dickinson, son of Daniel, was born in 1819. He became a well-to-do farmer, continuing to engage in agricultural pursuits until 1871, in which year he retired from active labor. He was a Democrat in politics, and for many years was prominently identified with local public affairs, serving as a Selectman, and also faithfully performing the duties of various other important town offices. He died at the age of seventy-five years. He married, April 25, 1844, Julia Mather, who was born February 21, 1819, daughter of Joseph Mather, of Whately, and grand-daughter of Benjamin Mather. The latter was a native of Connecticut, and for many years a sea captain, but died in Whately, his declining years having been passed with his children. Joseph Mather, who was a hatter by trade, also followed carpentering and bridge-building as an occupation. He died in Whately at the age of eighty-five years. He wedded for his second wife a daughter of Israel Graves; and, of the five children by this union, four are still living: Benjamin; Julia, Mr. Dickinson's mother; Joseph; and Levi. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Dickinson had a family of three children, two of whom now survive, namely: George Dickinson, an outline of whose prosperous career will be found elsewhere in this work; and Frank, who forms the principal subject of the present biography.

Frank Dickinson, after pursuing a rudimentary course of study in the district schools, attended the Deerfield Academy, and completed his education at the Powers Institute in Bernardston. He adopted the occupation of his ancestors, and has succeeded well in agriculture, being endowed with the sterling qualities which characterize the prosperous New England farmer. His residence, which was erected by his father, is both a pleasant and a substantial one. His mother, with faculties well preserved at seventy-six years of age, here makes her home.

Mr. Dickinson was married on January 6, 1875, to Miss Ella E. Warner, daughter of Edwin W. and Elmira L. (Smith) Warner, her father being a prominent farmer at Northampton, of whose seven children five are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have three children: Robert, who is a graduate of a business college at Springfield; Daniel; and Julia A. Mr. Dickinson is a Democrat in politics, taking a lively interest in all matters relating to local, State, and national issues, and has been called upon to hold various important town offices. He served one term each as Selectman and Assessor. The family attend the Unitarian church.

STEPHEN B. BUDINGTON, a prominent and intelligent farmer of Leyden, Franklin County, was born there March 12, 1830, son of Jonathan and Sophronia (Denison) Budington, both of whom were natives of Leyden, the former born February 17, 1800, and the latter March 23, 1799.

The Budington family are of English origin. Jonathan Budington, the grandfather of Stephen B., was a native of Groton, Conn. In early life he followed the sea for many years as captain of a sailing vessel, and was

engaged in the West India trade up to the time of the Revolutionary War. He then secured a commission as privateer in the Continental service, and took part in several naval engagements, receiving a prize for his success in capturing an English vessel in Boston Harbor by strategy. At the close of the war Captain Budington settled in Leyden, in sight of where Stephen B. Budington now lives. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the town, and owned a large tract of land. His death in 1810 ended a long and successful life. His family consisted of four children; namely, Jonathan, Aaron O., Stephen, and Priscilla H., all of whom have passed from the scenes of earth.

Jonathan Budington was many years successfully engaged in agriculture in Leyden, where he owned a portion of the old Budington home farm. He was an active and influential citizen, and often chosen by his townsmen to fill positions of responsibility and trust, among which were the offices of Selectman and County Commissioner. He also served acceptably as a member of the legislature. In religious views he was a Methodist, and for years was an official member and liberal supporter of the church. He died at the home of his son, Stephen Budington, where he had lived for sixty years. His first wife, Sophronia Denison Budington, bore him five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are dead with the exception of Stephen B. They were: Mary B., Ellen P., Stephen B., Charles O., and Jonathan. His second wife was Miss Abbie L. Wells, who died at forty-three years of age. There were no children from this union.

Stephen B. Budington grew to manhood on the homestead. He received his early education in the district schools, and later attended Wilbraham Academy and East Greenwich

Seminary. After completing his education, he taught school for several terms, and when twenty-one years of age engaged as clerk in the general store of Mr. S. L. Shattuck, at Leyden. The following year he was employed as agent for a co-operative store at Leyden; and in 1855 he went West, where for about nine years he was engaged in mercantile business at Beardstown, Ill. In 1864 Mr. Budington returned to Leyden, and took charge of the home farm, which he subsequently purchased. He now owns about four hundred acres of land, and is profitably engaged in general farming, in connection with which he conducts a dairy, where the milk from a herd of Jersey cows is converted into products for the market. About five acres of his land are devoted to raising fruit, principally apples.

On June 15, 1857, Mr. Budington was married to Miss Frances C. Hitchcock, of Beardstown, Ill., a native of Bangor, Me., who died December 11, 1865. Two children were born of this union: Charles N., who died at three years of age; and Carrie F., who was but two years old at the time of her death. Mr. Budington formed a second marriage December 15, 1868, with Miss Ereda Baker, who was born in Hawley, Mass., January 4, 1841, daughter of Roswell and Bathsheba (Carter) Baker. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are also natives of Hawley, where the former was born in 1817, and the latter in 1821. They now reside in West Hawley. Mr. Baker is a hard-working and successful farmer. He is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church. Five children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. A son and daughter are now living, Mrs. Budington and her brother Edwin. The latter, who was born January 18, 1843, is a druggist at Shelburne Falls, Mass. Mr. Budington's second union has been blessed by

the birth of four children: Ellen Mary, born May 26, 1870, the wife of the Rev. David Baines Griffiths, of Smith Centre, Kan.; Robert Allyn, who was born October 22, 1872, and resides with his parents, a member of the Senior Class of Williams College; Ethel Helena, born December 19, 1877, who is attending school; and Walter Carter, born November 12, 1882, also with his parents.

In politics Mr. Budington is a Republican, and a strong advocate of the principles of his party. His fellow-men have not been unmindful of his sterling character, and among the offices of responsibility and trust bestowed upon him are those of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational church. On Mr. Budington's farm is found one of nature's wonders in the shape of a huge tipping rock, weighing several tons, which, in all probability, is a relic from the glacial period, and perhaps was brought from the distant north in the great ice rivers or glaciers that geologists tell us once covered this section. In any event, there it stands, so beautifully poised as to be easily tipped from side to side. Its measurements are eleven feet four inches in length, seven feet eight inches in width, and six feet eight inches in height.

ASHLEY G. DICKINSON, a prosperous farmer of Whately Centre, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, March 8, 1824. His parents were Lyman and Experience (Graves) Dickinson, natives of Whately, where the Graves and Dickinson families have been well and favorably known for many years. Mr. Dickinson's great-grandfather, Abner Dickinson, who was probably born in Hatfield, was a farmer in North Hatfield (now Whately). He was in

the French and Indian War from 1755 to 1763, and also served in the Revolutionary army, acting in 1780 as one of the guard about Major André on the night preceding his execution. The last years of Abner Dickinson's life were spent on the farm now occupied by his great-grandson, where he died in 1799. He had a family of four sons and five daughters. His son Jehu, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Hatfield, May 8, 1758. He also served in the Continental army, and, like his father, devoted the last years of his life to the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, settling upon a part of the Dickinson farm in Whately, where he died, October 6, 1819. He reared a family of seven children.

Lyman Dickinson, sixth son of Jehu Dickinson, who was born on June 24, 1795, passed his entire life upon the farm, which he cultivated very successfully. He attained a position of prominence in the community, serving as a Selectman at different times during a period of many years, and also held other offices of public trust. Lyman Dickinson died at the age of eighty years. His wife, whose maiden name was Experience Graves, was a daughter of Moses and Abigail Graves, old residents of Whately. She was called to rest at the age of fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Dickinson raised a family of seven children, two of whom are now living; namely, Ashley G. and Hiram R.

Ashley G. Dickinson was educated in the district schools. He assisted his father in the farm duties until he reached the age of nineteen years, at which time he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter. After serving two years as an apprentice, he worked as a journeyman for some time at Worcester, Mass., later going to Westfield. There he resided for a period of thirty-five years, during which time he worked at his trade both as a

journeyman and contractor, becoming well and favorably known as a man of sterling worth. In 1888 he returned to his native town, and has since been occupied in farming at the old homestead. The farm, which is situated upon high ground, consists of one hundred and sixty-five acres, and is devoted principally to the cultivation of tobacco. Mr. Dickinson has completely rebuilt the residence, and also erected a new barn.

On December 5, 1855, Mr. Dickinson was united in marriage to Miss Jane Stebbins, daughter of Lansford and Sarah (Ames) Stebbins. The Stebbins family also took an active part in the Revolutionary War, Mrs. Dickinson's great-grandfather, Colonel Joseph Stebbins, and her grandfather, Major Dennis Stebbins, being officers of note in the Continental army. Her father, Lansford Stebbins, who was a native of Deerfield, spent the last years of his life in Illinois. Her mother was a daughter of Ebenezer Ames, of Greenfield, Mass. Mrs. Dickinson passed her childhood with her grandparents. She received a liberal education, attending the town schools and Deerfield Academy, and completing her studies at Mrs. S. I. Barnard's boarding-school. After leaving school, she taught for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson have had four children, two of whom are still living. William A. is now superintendent of a carriage hardware manufactory. He married Jennie Gillespie, a native of the State of Michigan; and they have one daughter, Marjorie. Jeannette Dickinson is the wife of Harry Leigh, of Buffalo, N.Y., cashier of the New York Central Stockyards in that city. Gertrude, who married John B. Hill, of Boston, died in 1894, at the age of thirty-seven years; and Catherine died at the age of twelve years.

Mr. Dickinson is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Congrega-

tional church, and Mrs. Dickinson is actively engaged in Sabbath-school work. She was formerly superintendent of a Sabbath-school in Westfield, and has always been identified with church matters.

ROSWELL B. ROBERTSON, one of the leading men of Leyden, Mass., was born in Brattleboro, Vt., July 6, 1839, son of William and Mary E. Robertson. Mr. Robertson is of Scotch descent, his great-grandfather, William Robertson, and his grandfather bearing the same name, having come to America from Scotland, of which country they were natives. Grandfather Robertson, who was a young man when he immigrated to New England, rode into the wilderness west of the Connecticut, north of the Massachusetts line, and selected a spot for his home in what was then an unbroken forest, but where now is the village of Brattleboro, Vt., his father also going there to live. The sturdy pioneer went to work heartily, with no resources but a willing hand and a strong constitution. He died at Hillsboro, N.H., at an advanced age. Grandmother Robertson's maiden name was Tamar Barton.

Roswell B. Robertson grew to manhood in Westminster, Vt., acquiring a fair education in the district schools. He was engaged as a polisher for a period of twelve years, working in Northampton, Shelburne Falls, and Springfield, and in 1863 bought the farm that he now occupies, which covers about one hundred and eighty acres. Here he carries on general farming, working tirelessly to bring the products of his labor up to a high standard, both as to quality and quantity.

In 1865 Mr. Robertson was married to Adaline L., daughter of Wilder and Lectina (Wetherhead) Fisher, the former a well-to-do

farmer in Brattleboro. Mrs. Adaline L. Robertson died when a little over forty-six years of age; and in June, 1886, Mr. Robertson was married again, taking for his bride Mary Wheeler, a native of Colerain, daughter of Whitman and Louisa Wheeler, of that town. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson have one son, Ray R., born June 2, 1891.

Mr. Robertson is a Republican in political affiliations. He is highly respected by his townsmen, and has filled several public offices, holding that of Selectman for three years. He and his wife are liberal in their religious views; and they have a very pleasant home, the appearance of the estate speaking well for the owners.

JOHN ANDREW ADAMS, formerly a well-known and highly respected farmer of Greenfield, but now no longer living, was born in that town August 14, 1840, son of Peleg and Lucinda (Hancock) Adams, the former a native of Northbridge, born December 29, 1799, the latter of Long Meadow, Mass., born in 1809. The Adams family is believed to be of Saxon origin, springing from Randall Adams, of Norwood, town of Wem, Shropshire, England, a direct descendant of whom, William Adams, who was born in England, February 3, 1594, came to America in 1628, and settled in Ipswich Hamlet (now Hamilton), Mass., in 1642. The farm which he cultivated is now occupied by a descendant, Silsby Adams. Andrew Adams, the grandfather of John Andrew, represented the sixth generation from William, the line being traced, from father to son, through Samuel, who represents the second generation, Nathaniel (the third), Samuel (the fourth), and John (the fifth), to Andrew (the sixth).

Andrew Adams was born in Sutton, now a part of Northbridge, Mass., November 7,

1759, and removed to Greenfield, Mass., in 1803. He purchased a large tract of land in the Connecticut Valley, and settled on the farm where Mrs. John Andrew Adams now resides, living in a log house. He built part of the road from Greenfield to the old Peleg Adams homestead, known as "The Swamp Road," and was one of the leading citizens of Greenfield in his day. He attended church at "the old meeting-house," the first in Greenfield. His death took place on the old farm, June 30, 1822. His wife, whose maiden name was Betsey Chapin, died January 6, 1846. They reared five children: Patty, Nahum, George, Eliza, and Peleg.

Peleg Adams received a good common-school education. He worked on his father's farm till of age, and chose farming as his life vocation, in which he was very successful. He was also a large cattle dealer and a sagacious business man. Purchasing the Mansion House in Greenfield, in January, 1877, for which he paid fifty thousand dollars, he expended thirty-five thousand dollars additional on improvements, making it a model hotel; and to-day it is one of the best as well as one of the oldest hotels in Franklin County. Mr. Adams was honest in all his dealings, and his ability and integrity won for him the respect of his townsmen. He served as Selectman, and filled other offices, always taking an active interest in public affairs. Though a liberal supporter of the various churches and in his youth an attendant at the Congregational service, and later at that of the Universalist society, he was never a professing member of any religious body; but his life was shaped by Christian principles. He died at the home farm September 8, 1887. Mr. Adams's first wife, Lucinda Hancock, to whom he was united in 1831, died in 1840, at the age of thirty. She was the mother of the following

children: Eliza Lucretia, born October 19, 1833; Elizabeth Lucinda, born February 2, 1836; Ruth Alma, born December 5, 1837; and John Andrew Adams, our subject. Peleg Adams's second wife, Sarah B. Meriam, who was born June 3, 1809, died in May, 1862. She was the mother of two children. One, born June 16, 1843, died in infancy. The other, Sarah Lucy, who was born December 10, 1846, is also dead. Mr. Adams's third wife, Jane Bascom, whom he married October 8, 1863, died April 13, 1890, without issue. Eliza L., wife of J. P. Morgan, is the only living child of Peleg Adams. She resides in Greenfield, Mass.

John Andrew Adams grew to manhood in Greenfield. He received a good common-school education, finishing his studies at Shelburne Academy, and after leaving school gave his attention mostly to farming. His active life, with the exception of two years spent in Bernardston, was passed in Greenfield, the latter part near the home of his father. He died December 3, 1880. June 29, 1864, he was married to Charlotte E. Meriam, a native of Barre, Mass., born February 26, 1843, daughter of Jotham A. and Charlotte (Harwood) Meriam. Mr. Meriam was born in Oxford, February 25, 1813. He was a great reader, a good school-teacher, and well informed in law, and was also a practical farmer. He died June 24, 1887. His wife, to whom he was united at Barre, Mass., May 3, 1841, was a native of that town, born November 5, 1814. She died October 16, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Meriam were liberal in religious views, and were attendants of the Congregational church. They had two children: Charles Addison, born February 8, 1842, who died August 25, 1877; and Charlotte E., the wife of our subject. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Adams was blessed by two daughters: Ruth C., born Sep-

tember 27, 1865; and Elizabeth L., born March 25, 1867, in Greenfield. These young ladies graduated from the Greenfield High School in 1885, and taught for some time in Greenfield, but now give their time to the management of their real estate interests. Their grandfather, Peleg Adams, bequeathed to them — his only grand-daughters — much valuable property, including the Mansion House in Greenfield, which he left to them and their mother; and they are to inherit large tracts of land and other valuable property from their mother and their aunt, Mrs. Morgan. They are very accomplished young ladies, richly endowed mentally as well as financially. They reside at the old home farm with their mother, who also is a well-educated and refined lady.

ANSEL C. SMITH has been connected with the business interests of Colerain for many years, being now one of its most prosperous and progressive agriculturists, and one of its most influential and respected citizens. He was born December 29, 1816, in the town of Wilmington, Vt., and is of Massachusetts ancestry. His parents were Rufus and Achsa (Ingraham) Smith, the father a native of Dover, Mass., born in 1790, and the mother of Amherst, where their nuptials were celebrated.

Rufus Smith was a tanner and currier by trade, and during his earlier years worked at tanning and currying; but, seeing no prospect of bettering his condition while working at his trade, he took charge of a grist-mill at Wilmington, Vt., and also engaged in the hotel business. He was an industrious man, but not very successful in financial matters. He spent his last years in Colerain, dying at the advanced age of eighty-four. He was liberal in his religious views and a strong Universalist

in belief. Rufus Smith was twice married. His first wife died in Wilmington, Vt., leaving five children. Of these, Ansel C., the subject of this brief biographical review, and Mrs. Barbara Russell, of Greenfield, are the only ones now living. The other three, Catherine, Mary, and Louisa, all married, reared families, and are now deceased. Rufus Smith subsequently married Elizabeth Browning, who bore him two children: a daughter named Elizabeth, who married and died; and a son, Horace A. Smith, who lives in Rowe.

Ansel C. Smith went to Colerain when a lad of seven years, and there completed his education, attending the district schools. His home was with Mr. John Browning until he was sixteen years old, when he went to Rowe, intending there to learn the carriage-maker's trade; but before he had completed his apprenticeship he removed to Athol, N.Y., and, living there for some time with a brother of Mr. John Browning, worked at carriage-making. He next located in Greenfield, Mass., where he learned the trade of a tanner and currier of Mr. Isaac Barton, and also became proficient in shoemaking. He remained with Mr. Barton three years as an apprentice and one year as a journeyman, after which he worked two seasons with Mr. I. Sheldon at Factory Hollow. Removing thence to Colerain, he continued his trade on his own account at Griswoldville three years, and the following three years was in the employ of Mr. J. Perkins, manufacturing wagon-shafts. Mr. Smith subsequently established himself in the latter business at Foundryville, remaining five years. In 1862 he began his mercantile career, purchasing the stock of Calvin Shattuck, of Colerain, who had a general country store. This he conducted successfully until 1878, when he sold out to the firm of Thomas & Hillman; and since then he has

been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has also assisted in building up the village of Colerain, erecting the present hotel of the place, and aiding materially in many radical improvements.

On June 7, 1848, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Sophia J. Thompson, who was born July 28, 1827, in Colerain, and is a daughter of Hollis and Jane (Taggart) Thompson, the former of whom died June 23, 1856, and the latter March 31, 1874. Mrs. Thompson is descended from one of the oldest and most honored families of this section of the county, the Taggarts having been prominent among the pioneers of the town. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Henry A. and Mary. Henry A., who was born November 11, 1850, is now in business with his father, and shares with him the ownership of the hotel and of a half interest in the store formerly conducted by Thomas & Hillman, the firm name now being Smith & Hillman. He was married October 8, 1873, to Margaret McClellan, who was born in Colerain, October 22, 1849, and died there, August 1, 1894, without issue. She was an active Christian woman, a member of the Congregational church. Henry A. Smith is an influential citizen of the place, strongly Republican in politics, and for five consecutive years served as Selectman. Ansel C. Smith's daughter, Mary, who was born April 19, 1855, is the wife of C. H. Wilcox, a tin-smith, residing at Shelburne Falls. They have one child, Hattie Maud.

In political views Mr. Smith is a staunch Republican. He represented his district in the State legislature in 1870, and has ever taken an active and intelligent interest in town affairs, serving as Selectman one term, Assessor three or four years, and as Town Clerk for twenty-six continuous years, resigning the office in 1893. In his religious views he is

liberal, and a firm believer in the doctrines of the Unitarian church. The life record of Mr. Smith furnishes a forcible illustration of the prosperity to be attained by persevering energy and a steady application to the details of business. He has attained his present high position among the leading men of the county by his own untiring efforts, his strong hands, willing heart, and courageous spirit having been his only endowments.

EMERSON C. WARNER, an energetic farmer of Whately, residing near the Hatfield line, was born in Granby, Mass., August 26, 1839, son of Foster J. and Achsah A. (Morton) Warner, the former of Amherst, the latter of Whately. The Warner family has been well and favorably known in Amherst for many years, our subject's great-grandfather, Josiah Warner, having been a resident of that town during a great part of his life. There he died, and there his only child, Josiah, the grandfather of Emerson C. Warner, was born and passed his life, engaged in farming. There also Foster J. Warner, the father of Emerson C., was born. He was trained by his father in the practice of agriculture, and also engaged in manufacturing brooms for a time. About 1842 he moved to Whately, where he purchased the farm now owned and occupied by his son, and erected the house. There he resided until his decease, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years of age. He was an industrious man, and left a farm of about one hundred and sixty-five acres, as the result of his labors. On March 2, 1837, he married Achsah A. Morton, daughter of Sylvester and Lydia (Frary) Morton, of Whately. Her grandfather, Justin Morton, was one of the early settlers of the town. Her father, Sylvester Morton, was a wheel-

wright in Whately. He raised a family of ten children, eight of whom are still living. Mrs. Warner became the mother of four children, of whom Emerson C. is the only survivor. She still resides at the old homestead, bright and active at the age of eighty-three years, and continues to attend personally to her household duties.

Emerson C. Warner was three years of age when his parents removed to Whately. During his boyhood he assisted his father upon the farm, receiving his education in the district school and at a high school in Vermont. He resided with his parents until 1868, when he purchased a farm in East Whately, which he conducted until 1880. After his father's death, he returned to the homestead, where he has since resided. The farm, which consists of two hundred and eighty acres, he devotes principally to dairy interests; and he keeps a large herd of Jersey cows.

In 1862 Mr. Warner was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Hunter, daughter of Abraham Hunter, a carpenter of Chester, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have two children; namely, Lizzie Ann and Minnie B. The former is the wife of George Graves, formerly of Whately, now a fruit-grower in California, and has two children, Lillian and Lemuel.

Mr. Warner is a Republican in politics. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

LORENZO D. ELMER, a successful business man of Miller's Falls, Mass., was born in Vernon, Vt., December 26, 1832, son of Levi and Clarissa (Silvester) Elmer. His grandfather, Reuben Elmer, was also a resident of Vernon, where his last years were passed. Levi Elmer was reared to the vocation of a farmer, which he followed with success throughout his life. His death oc-

curred in Vernon, Vt. His wife, Clarissa Silvester, was a native of Maine. She died in Guilford, Vt. They reared a family of nine children, of whom two are now living — Ralph and Lorenzo D.

Lorenzo D. Elmer was left an orphan at an early age, both parents having died before he was ten years old. He lived with his brother until he was fourteen, and was then brought face to face with the necessity of earning his own livelihood. Until he was twenty years of age he worked out by the season. He then secured a position on the railroad, where he had charge of construction work for a number of years. In 1863 he enlisted in Company F, Sixth Vermont Regiment, and, going to the front, received a severe wound from a minie-ball, which so disabled him that he was confined in the hospital for several months. On his recovery he was transferred to the Reserve Corps, in which he served until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge September 4, 1865, after a service of twenty-six months. Mr. Elmer then returned to railroading, making his home in Vermont at first, and later removing to Northfield, Mass., where he remained three years. From there he went to Templeton, Worcester County, where he lived eighteen years, or until 1889, when he located in Miller's Falls, and hired the stationery store which he now occupies. He subsequently purchased the news business, and now carries a complete line of sporting goods, cigars, stationery, periodicals, books, etc., and has a large and growing business.

Mr. Elmer was married in 1857 to Marie C. Redfield, daughter of Joel Redfield, a blacksmith of Woodford, Vt., where Mrs. Elmer was born. She is the youngest of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer have reared two sons and two daughters, namely: George D., now station agent at Erving, Mass., who mar-

ried Emma Stoddard, and has two children—Maud and George; Carrie, who married Fred Howland, a dentist in Portland, Me.; Mary E., wife of Charles L. Cook, who is associated with Mr. Elmer in the stationery business; and Frank R., who is with the Miller's Falls Company. All these children graduated from the high school at Templeton, Mass.

In political affiliation Mr. Elmer is a Republican. He is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Gardner, Mass. Mrs. Elmer is an attendant of the Congregational church.

CORNELIUS G. TROW, M.D., a public-spirited citizen and successful physician of Sunderland, whose features are portrayed on the opposite page, and whose personal and family record is briefly here set forth, was born in Buckland, Mass., March 1, 1847, son of Dr. Nathaniel G. and Catherine (Brooks) Trow. His great-grandfather, Josiah Trow, who was a native of England, served with distinction in the French and Indian and the Revolutionary wars; and his grandfather, Nathaniel Trow, son of Josiah, was a native of Beverly, Mass., but settled in New Hampshire, where he followed agriculture. Nathaniel G., son of Nathaniel the elder, was born in Wendell, N.H., July 25, 1811. He was reared to farm life, and carefully educated in the schools of Wendell, N.H., and the Cummington Academy. He then taught in the district schools, and began the study of medicine with Dr. Kittridge, of Hinsdale, later entering the Berkshire Medical School, from which he graduated, and commenced the practice of his profession at Buckland in 1837. He resided there until 1850, when he removed to Sunderland, and remained in active practice until within five years of his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-six years. He

was a skilful and reliable practitioner of the old school, and a man of many rare attainments. Dr. Nathaniel G. Trow was officially connected with the Congregational church, and served upon the School Board. His wife, who was a native of Buckland, became the mother of six children, Cornelius G., of Sunderland, being the only one to reach maturity. Mrs. Catherine Brooks Trow died in Sunderland at the age of sixty-two.

Cornelius was about four years of age when his parents moved to Sunderland, and he pursued the primary branches of his education in the schools of this town. After completing his preparatory studies at the Williston Seminary, he entered Amherst College, where he was graduated, and then began the study of medicine with his father. He subsequently pursued a thorough medical course at the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, and, after graduating from that well-known school in 1872, began the practice of his profession in Sunderland, where he has since resided.

In June, 1872, Dr. Trow wedded Geneva A. Shaw, of Springfield, a daughter of Samuel A. and Mary (White) Shaw, the former of whom was a prominent grocer of that city. Mr. Shaw's wife, who was a native of Ware, Mass., became the mother of ten children, three of whom are now living; namely, George D., C. W., and Geneva A., Mrs. Trow. Mrs. Mary White Shaw died in Springfield at the age of fifty-six; and Samuel A. Shaw, who was again married, died at the age of seventy-nine, leaving, by his second wife, one daughter, Mary Frances Shaw. He was a member of the South Church of Springfield.

Dr. Cornelius G. Trow is a member of the Knights of Honor, the various college societies, and the Massachusetts and the Franklin District Medical Societies. He is independent in politics, has served upon the School



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Board for twelve years, has been Chairman of the Town Committee, and a member of the Library Board, of which he has been a Trustee for twenty-three and Treasurer for fifteen years. He attends the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Trow is a member; and they are both active in the different church societies.

SAMUEL C. BROWN, a highly respected farmer and worthy citizen of Leyden, Mass., was born in Guilford, Vt., March 15, 1808, son of Elijah and Rhoda (Childs) Brown, the former of whom was a native of Woodstock, Conn.; and the latter of Deerfield, Franklin County, Mass. His grandfather, Elisha Brown, who was born in Rhode Island, was among the sturdy pioneers who settled in Leyden, and was a patriot soldier of the Revolutionary War. He and his good wife both lived to advanced age, he being over eighty years old at the time of his death. They reared seven children, all of whom are now dead.

Elijah Brown removed from Woodstock, Conn., to Guilford, Vt., and thence to Leyden, Mass. He was an industrious man, and throughout his life followed farming with success. In town affairs he took a prominent part, serving as Selectman several years, and also in many minor offices. In his religious view he was liberal. Elijah Brown died at the age of eighty-four. His wife died in her sixty-second year. They were the parents of eight children, of whom seven grew to maturity and three are now living, as follows: Mrs. Tirzah Clark, widow of Elan Clark, who resides in Monroe, Wis., and is over ninety years of age; Samuel C., the subject of this sketch; and Mrs. Caroline Carpenter, widow of Austin Carpenter, who also lives in Monroe, Wis. The deceased are: Eliza-

beth, Willard, Henry K., Frank, and Willard (second).

Samuel C. Brown removed with his parents, when a small boy, from Guilford, Vt., to Leyden, where he received a good practical education in the district schools. At twenty-one years of age he started to earn a livelihood, and was first employed in a saw-mill and grist-mill in Deerfield, Mass., where he received twenty dollars for his first month's labor. He soon gave up this business, and, returning home, took charge of his father's farm, of which he has since become the owner. Mr. Brown has so prospered in his agricultural pursuits that he has been enabled to add to his property by the purchase of other land from time to time, and is now the owner of considerable real estate.

On September 10, 1835, Mr. Brown was joined in marriage to Miss Mary N. Carpenter, a native of Leyden, born December 10, 1815, who died in 1858. Their union was blessed by the birth of six children: Loretta, who died at the age of a year and a half; Franklin C., who enlisted in the Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteers at the time of the war, and died in service, aged twenty-three years; Henry K., who has been employed as collector of the Manhattan Gas Company of New York City the past twenty years; Elijah, who manages a planing-mill in New York City; Samuel C., Jr., general agent of the American Express Company at Kansas City; and Dwight C., a bridge-builder in Greenfield, Mass. Mr. Brown was subsequently married March 29, 1862, to Miss Sarah A. McCloud, who was born in Rowe, Franklin County, Mass., January 15, 1828, daughter of Charles and Henrietta (Knight) McCloud, each of whom represented an old and respected family of Franklin County. Charles McCloud was born in Colerain, and was successfully engaged in

agriculture up to the time of his death, which occurred in his seventy-third year. His wife, who was a native of Pawtucket, R.I., died at the age of sixty years. In politics Mr. McCloud was a supporter of the Republican party. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Five children were born to them, three of whom are now living, namely: Hiram McCloud, of Colerain; Mrs. Lurena Smith, of Silver City, Ia.; and Sarah A., the wife of Mr. Brown. One child died in infancy; and a daughter, Lucy, died at twenty-one years of age. One daughter was born of Mr. Brown's second union, Ellen L., who is head nurse in the Dr. Pierce Hospital at Greenfield, Mass.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Democrat. He takes an active part in town affairs, and has rendered efficient service as Selectman for three years, and has filled minor offices. In religious views he is liberal. Though in his eighty-eighth year, Mr. Brown is still active, and appears many years younger. The prosperity which he now enjoys has been attained through years of unremitting toil and the exercise of prudence and good management; and in his work his estimable wife has been an able helper.

JONATHAN E. DAVENPORT, a successful farmer and extensive fruit-grower of Colerain, was born in that town on May 7, 1857. He is a son of Otis J. and Sarah (Johnson) Davenport, both of whom were natives of the above-named town, Otis having been born on March 26, 1829, and his wife on February 26, 1832. Mr. Davenport traces his ancestry in a direct line to Thomas Davenport, who, in company with two brothers, is supposed to have immigrated from England and settled in Dorchester, Mass., some time previous to the year 1640. Eben-

ezer Davenport, son of Thomas, was born at Dorchester on April 2, 1661, and died on July 19, 1738. His wife, Dorcas Andrews, was born in 1663, and died in 1723. Their son Ebenezer was born in Dorchester, October 23, 1706; and his wife, Submit Howe, also a native of Dorchester, was born in April, 1707. Both lived and died in Dorchester; and in that town their son, Joseph Davenport, was born, August 10, 1747. He was the first of the family to settle in Colerain, and was one of the pioneers in that part of the country. Acquiring a tract of land, he established a home not far from Mr. Davenport's present dwelling, and became a very prosperous farmer. Vigorous and energetic, he met the difficulties of pioneer life with courage and perseverance, and surmounted all obstacles in his path to prosperity. He died April 14, 1821. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary White, was born in 1746. She died February 22, 1817.

Mr. Davenport's grandfather, Edward Davenport, son of Joseph, was born in Dorchester, September 6, 1774. He received a good education, and was ordained a minister of the Baptist church, preaching at Colerain and being employed for some time as a missionary among the white settlers who lived among the Indian tribes of Pennsylvania. Edward Davenport died December 8, 1863. He was twice married, and raised a family of fourteen children, of whom there is but one survivor, Mrs. Mary Newton, of Shelburne. His second wife, whose maiden name was Lurana Andrews, was the grandmother of our subject. She was born in Ashfield, March 1, 1792, and died March 7, 1875.

Otis J. Davenport, the father of Jonathan E., was the second son of his father's second wife. He entered into the pursuit of agriculture with a spirit and energy which were productive of the most substantial results, and

became one of the largest general farmers in the section, owning at one time over four hundred acres of land, including his father's old farm. He purchased the farm where his son now resides in 1867. Mr. Davenport was recognized as one of the most successful farmers in Colerain, and he was a very extensive fruit-grower. He kept in touch with agricultural progress, and was an active member of the board of agriculture up to the time of his decease. Politically, he was a Republican. He represented his district at the General Court in 1864, and was prominent in town affairs, serving on the School Board seventeen years. For a period of thirty years Mr. Davenport was an earnest member of the Baptist church. He was a man highly esteemed for his many commendable traits of character; and his death, which occurred on September 6, 1880, was the cause of much regret to the entire community. His wife, who now resides with her son, Jonathan E. Davenport, was the mother of seven children, one of whom died in infancy. The others were as follows: Sarah M., wife of George Maxam, of Colerain, who was born on September 3, 1855; Jonathan E., the subject of this article; William H., born May 27, 1862, a Baptist minister at Rochester, Minn.; Clara F., a resident of Colerain, who was born June 22, 1864; Albert O., a carpenter of Colerain, born July 13, 1868; and Walter, Jr., a farmer of Greenfield, whose birth occurred on July 21, 1874.

Jonathan E. Davenport attended the schools of his native town, and was also a student at Powers Institute in Bernardston, at intervals, during a period of four years. He taught school for five terms in early manhood, and after his father's decease succeeded to the possession of the farm, which he has since successfully managed. He has in all one hundred

and ninety-two acres of finely improved land, ten acres of which are devoted to the growing of fruit, and, besides conducting general farming, also has a well-equipped dairy. He keeps a herd of ten full-blooded Jersey cows, and is also profitably engaged in sheep-raising.

On October 22, 1882, Mr. Davenport was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Stone, who was born in Reedsboro, Vt., March 28, 1859, daughter of Royal and Carrie A. (Kendrick) Stone. Royal Stone died at the age of thirty-six years; and his widow subsequently married the Rev. S. P. Everett, of Ayer, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have had three children, namely: Royal W., born December 14, 1885; Edna A., born December 16, 1887; and Milton J., born January 23, 1890.

Mr. Davenport, like his father, takes an active interest in town affairs, and has served as Assessor and as a member of the School Board six years. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church, in which he is a Deacon, and is at present serving his fifteenth year as superintendent of the Sunday-school.

CALVIN S. LOOMIS, a respected citizen of Whately, who has long been identified with the agricultural interests of the place, was born in the house in which he now resides, on March 25, 1827. He is the son of Jonathan C. and Electa (Stockbridge) Loomis, the former a native of Whately, the latter of North Hadley. His grandfather, Abner Loomis, who was in all probability a native of Hatfield, moved from that town to West Whately, where he settled upon a farm. There he resided until his decease, which occurred at an advanced age.

Jonathan C. Loomis, the father of Calvin S., was a carpenter by trade, and worked at

building for many years in his native town, becoming widely known as an honest and reliable contractor and builder. His last days were spent on the farm where his son now resides, which he purchased for a home, and there he died August 15, 1864, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Loomis was a veteran of the War of 1812. His wife, Electa Stockbridge, who was born at North Hadley on January 17, 1788, was the daughter of David Stockbridge, a farmer and miller. She was one of a large family. Mrs. Loomis was called to rest at the age of eighty-eight. She was a member of the Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were the parents of nine children, all of whom lived to reach threescore years, the first among them to be called home having passed that age at the time of his decease. Of these, six are still living, namely: Sarah, wife of Reuben Belden; Mary, who married John Little; Elizabeth, widow of John D. Lee; Phila, widow of Ira Brown; Celia, widow of Otis Wells; and Calvin S., the subject of this sketch.

Calvin S. Loomis attended the common and high schools of his native town and the seminary at East Hampton. He resided with his parents and assisted his father upon the farm until 1855, when he went to the State of Ohio. There he was engaged in the raising of broom-corn and the manufacture of brooms for a period of two years. At the expiration of that time he returned East, and, once more taking up his residence at the old homestead in Whately, engaged in the manufacture of brooms, establishing a factory for that purpose, at the same time attending to his farming interests. On the death of his father he succeeded to the possession of the farm, which he has since cultivated with prosperous results. The home property consists of sixty acres of finely improved land, and Mr. Loomis has also

one hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land in Conway, where he keeps some fine young stock.

In political views Mr. Loomis is a Republican. He attends the Congregational church, and contributes to its support. His household is most ably presided over by his sister Phila.

DAVID MOWRY, one of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens of Leyden, Franklin County, was born in that town, September 7, 1816, son of George and Polly (Avery) Mowry. His grandfather, John Mowry, was one of the pioneer settlers of Rhode Island; but his last days were spent in New York State.

George Mowry, the father of our subject, who was born in Rhode Island, September 24, 1776, removed to Massachusetts in early manhood, and located in Franklin County, when the country was new and but thinly settled. He was a clothier by trade, and followed that vocation in Leyden for several years. Industry and honesty in all his dealings brought him success, and won for him the respect of his townsmen; and, as a mark of their esteem, he was often chosen to represent them in positions of honor and trust. During six sessions of the legislature he was a member of that body; and he also served most acceptably as a member and as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and for over twenty years acted as Justice of the Peace. He died on the farm where David Mowry now lives, October 19, 1851, having attained the age of seventy-five years. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Polly Brown, bore him one son, George, who died at twenty years of age. His second matrimonial alliance was with Miss Polly Avery, who was two years his junior, her birth occurring in 1778. She died

September 25, 1843, aged sixty-five years. They had a family of six children—John, Manley, Polly, Nathan A., David, and Albert L.—of whom David is the sole survivor.

David Mowry acquired a good practical education in the schools of Leyden and the academy at Deerfield, Mr. Luther B. Lincoln being the preceptor of the latter institution at that time. For a number of terms Mr. Mowry was engaged in school-teaching in Colerain and Leyden, Mass., and also in Vernon, Vt. Aside from the time occupied in this way, his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He lived with his father until the latter's death, when he became the owner of the homestead property, where he now successfully conducts a dairy and stock farm, and in conjunction with this is also engaged in lumbering to a moderate extent. He owns in all about four hundred acres of land.

On September 7, 1840, Mr. Mowry was married to Miss Sarah A. Carpenter, who was born in Leyden, March 13, 1818. Her parents, David and Jemimah (Newcomb) Carpenter, both of whom were natives of Franklin County, are now dead; and Mrs. Mowry died December 2, 1878. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Mowry was blessed by the birth of five children. Charlotte E. resides at home. David C., who enlisted in the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, Company C, was engaged in the battles of Roanoke Island and Newbern, died at Washington, October 10, 1862, of malarial fever. Mary B. is the wife of F. J. Kellogg, of Utica, N.Y. Austin W. died in the New York Hospital, October 18, 1891. Hosea B. is engaged in agriculture on the home farm.

In politics Mr. Mowry is a Democrat. Like his father, he has manifested great interest in the public weal; and, although he has now retired from active participation in such

affairs, he has in times past rendered very efficient service to his party. In 1847 he represented his district in the legislature; and he filled the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer most acceptably for thirty years, as well as others of a less important character. In religious belief Mr. Mowry is a Universalist.

ALDEN W. GROUT, a prosperous farmer residing in Montague, Franklin County, near Miller's Falls, was born in Wendell, Mass., September 25, 1832, son of Martin and Clarina (Johnson) Grout, the former of whom was a native of Phillipston, Mass. Joel Grout, also the grandfather of Alden W., was a native of Massachusetts, and spent the latter part of his life on a farm which he owned in the town of Pelham.

Martin Grout, the father of Alden W., was reared to the vocation of a farmer. He also learned the stone-cutter's trade, which he followed successfully for many years in Pelham and vicinity. He built the jail at Greenfield, was foreman on the Concord State Prison, and also built the vaults for the Franklin County National and Franklin County Savings Banks. In 1834 he removed to Montague, and purchased the hotel property at Miller's Falls, which included one hundred and twenty-five acres of land. The hotel and seven acres of land he eventually sold to the railroad, and he then erected the residence in which Alden W. Grout now lives. Politically, Martin Grout was an adherent of the Republican party. He took an active interest in the welfare of his town, and was often chosen to fill positions of responsibility and trust. He served as Selectman several years, also as Assessor and as chairman of the committee that built the Town Hall at Montague Centre. Mr. Grout died at his home in Montague,

where his son Alden W. now lives, in August, 1865. He was then in his seventy-fifth year. His wife, Clarina Johnson, was a daughter of Silas Johnson, a farmer of Woodstock, Mass., where she was born. They reared five children, of whom three are still living: Samantha S., who married Severance Holton; Alden W., the subject of this sketch; and Martha S., who married Alfred Waite. The mother passed her last years at the home of Alden W. Grout, where she died at the age of seventy-two. She was a member of the Congregational church at Montague.

Alden W. Grout was two years old when his father moved to Miller's Falls; and there he received his early education, later attending the high school at East Brattleboro and the academy at Brattleboro, Vt. After his father's death he became the owner of the homestead, a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres, and since he purchased it has made various improvements, enlarging many of the buildings. He is profitably engaged in the cultivation of the land, and has a choice dairy, keeping a herd of fourteen Jersey and Holstein cows.

In 1853 Mr. Grout was married to Charlotte P. Stone, the adopted daughter of Luther Stone, who removed from Wayland to Wendell, Mass. In the latter place he was engaged in farming, and also conducted a saw-mill up to the time of his death in his eighty-fourth year. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Grout, two of whom they reared, namely: Alice, who married Elwin L. Stockwell, a machinist in Miller's Falls, and had two children, one of whom is living—Lulu A.; and Laura A., wife of Frank H. Giles, of Charlemont, Mass., who is engaged in the milk business, and manages Mr. Grout's farm. Mr. and Mrs. Giles have one child, Florence M. Clara Newell Grout died at the

age of fifteen, and Mary Ellen died in her twenty-seventh year. Laura attended school in Fitchburg, Mass. The other children were educated in Montague.

Mr. Grout is a Democrat in political affiliation. He is a man of keen intellect and sterling character, and his fellow-citizens have shown their appreciation of his worth by electing him to many offices of trust. He has served as Selectman three years, Overseer of the Poor two years, and Assessor two years. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member.

GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, a thriving agriculturist, who has a productive farm at South Whately, was born at Greenfield, Mass., July 30, 1857. He is a son of Elias and Mary A. (Fellows) McClellan, the former a native of Colerain, the latter of Shelburne. The great-grandfather of our subject, Robert L. McClellan, was, it is believed, a native of Massachusetts. His son, Daniel, George B. McClellan's grandfather, who was a native of Colerain, was a farmer and hotel-keeper, residing in Colerain for many years. His last days were spent in North Adams.

Elias B. McClellan was born in Colerain, October 11, 1824. He was reared to agricultural life, and also acquired the carpenter's trade, eventually becoming well known as a prominent contractor and builder, conducting an extensive business in Greenfield, Holyoke, Westfield, and Chicopee. He finally retired from the building trade, and in 1871 purchased the farm at Whately on which his son now resides, and there passed the remainder of his life, his death occurring on August 23, 1882, at the age of fifty-seven years. He was connected with the Congregational church in his town, and was a man noted for his integrity.

Elias B. McClellan was twice married. His first wife, Mary A. Fellows, who was born March 30, 1828, was the daughter of Captain Stephen Fellows, of Shelburne. Captain Fellows was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation in early life. In 1832 he purchased a farm, upon which he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-four. Mrs. McClellan was one of a family of five children. She died at Greenfield, October 25, 1859, aged thirty-one years. Of her children, George B., the subject of this article, was the only one to reach maturity. Elias B. McClellan's second wife was Miss Esther Newton, daughter of James Newton, of Greenfield. She became the mother of two children, namely: Mary, wife of Henry G. Taylor, of Westfield, Mass.; and William B., who resides at Wilmington, Vt.

George B. McClellan passed his early boyhood in Greenfield and Holyoke. He was thirteen years of age when his father removed to Whately, and continued his education in the district schools of that town, finishing with the regular course at Powers Institute in Bernardston. After leaving school, he engaged in farm work, assisting his father; and on the death of the latter he purchased the interests of the other heirs in the property, and has since continued to successfully conduct the farm. The estate consists of one hundred and fifty acres of fertile and productive land, which Mr. McClellan devotes to general farming and the cultivation of tobacco.

On May 27, 1884, he was united in marriage to Mary E. Sanderson, adopted daughter of Rodolphus Sanderson, formerly of Whately, but later of Northampton. Mrs. McClellan is a lineal descendant, on her father's side, of John Alden. Her mother was Harriet Clark, of Whately. She was a student at Mount Holyoke Seminary and Smith College at

Northampton, and, after completing her studies, made her home in Whately. Mr. and Mrs. McClellan have two children, Randolph A. and Albert F.

Mr. McClellan is a Republican in politics. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church, in which he has served as parish clerk and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for several terms.

WAYNE HILLMAN, one of the representative farmers of Colerain, was born in that town October 12, 1856, son of Smead and Emmeline (Coombs) Hillman, both natives of Colerain, the former born in 1819, the latter in 1818. The grandfather, Reuben Hillman, was a son of Lot Hillman, a notice of whom is given in the sketch of C. S. Hillman on another page of this work. Reuben Hillman was born in Conway, and spent the greater part of his life in Colerain, where he carried on general farming with good results. He passed away at the age of sixty-four. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Nims, was a native of Buckland. She lived to be eighty-one years old. They had five children, four sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to adult age. The only survivor at present is Lysander Hillman, of Charlemont Upper Village.

Smead Hillman, the father of our subject, in company with his brother Reuben, took charge of the home farm at the death of his father, carrying on general farming and also dealing in lumber, cutting large quantities at the saw-mill on the estate. After the death of Reuben, Smead Hillman carried on the business alone. He took an active part in town affairs, acting as Assessor for some time, and was also a member of the School Committee. He died on April 16, 1858, at the age of thirty-nine.

His wife was a daughter of Jonathan and Betsy (McCrillis) Coombs, the former a well-to-do farmer in Colerain and one of the old residents. Mr. Coombs lived to be eighty-one years of age. His wife passed away at sixty-four. Mr. and Mrs. Hillman had three children, all of whom are living, namely: Edwin S., in Greene County, Iowa; Mina L., who lives with her brother Wayne in Colerain, a highly educated young lady, and one of the most popular teachers in the district; and Wayne, whose name appears at the head of this sketch.

Wayne Hillman grew to manhood in Colerain, attending the district school in boyhood and adding to the amount of knowledge gained there by a course of study at Powers Institute, Bernardston. In 1878 he bought the farm where he resides, which covers about one hundred and thirty acres; and he is the owner of considerable real estate in other parts of the town. He carries on general farming, and deals in live stock and poultry to some extent. Ten acres of his land are devoted especially to fruit-raising; and he has twenty head of handsome Jersey cattle, producing first-class butter and other dairy products.

On January 4, 1880, Mr. Hillman was married to Anna S., daughter of Oliver H. and Rachel R. (Dodge) Taylor, residents of Colerain, the former a farmer in good circumstances and one of the oldest residents of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Hillman have five children; namely, Lotta T., Bessie A., Alfred W., Mildred, and Mina.

In politics Mr. Hillman is a Republican. In religion he follows the teachings of the Baptist church, of which his wife also is a member. A persevering and hard-working man, he is successful in all branches of his vocation, and occupies an honorable position in the community.

CHAUNCEY BRYANT, a resident of Greenfield for the past forty-four years and an esteemed public official, was born at Ashfield, Franklin County, Mass., September 28, 1823. His father, William Bryant, was born there in 1778, and was a son of Zebulon Bryant, who was born at Bridgewater, Plymouth County, in 1741, and settled at Ashfield in 1763. He was one of the early pioneers of that town, and made his way through the wilderness at a time when blazed trees were the only indication of the right path. He cleared a small tract of land and erected a log cabin, which he later occupied in company with his young bride.

He eventually cleared and improved a large farm; and here were born his eight children, seven of whom, two sons and five daughters, lived to reach maturity and become heads of families. After the death of his first wife he was again married. Some of his daughters moved to Illinois in 1835, and were residents there during the Black Hawk War. His first-born, Ruth, who became the wife of Isaiah Taylor, a farmer at Ashfield, lived to attain the ripe old age of ninety-nine years and ten months, her intellectual faculties remaining strong and unclouded until her ninety-sixth year. Grandfather Zebulon Bryant was a soldier of the Revolution, and marched to Albany through the woods. Mr. Chauncey Bryant has in his possession the musket, powder-horn, and some bullets which his patriotic ancestor brought home with him when he returned from the war. Although not known to have been a relative, he was an intimate friend of Dr. Peter Bryant, father of the eminent poet, William Cullen Bryant. His death occurred in Ashfield, at the age of eighty-seven years.

William Bryant inherited the farm upon which he resided during his entire life. He married for his first wife, Nabba Hammond,



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who died in the prime of life, leaving four children, all of whom grew to maturity, married, and have passed away. His second wife, whom he married in 1805, and who became mother of Chauncey Bryant, was Sarah Maynard, daughter of Calvin and Anna (Moulton) Maynard, of Westboro, Mass. She was a cousin of the Hon. Horace Maynard, who served his country as a member of Congress, as minister to Russia, and during the latter part of President Hayes's administration as Postmaster-general. Her father, Calvin Maynard, served in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Bryant's children by this marriage were the following: twins, the first-born, who died in infancy; Hannah, widow of Milton Hammond, now residing at Lawrence, Mich.; Nathan, who died at Leroy, N.Y., aged fifty-nine years, leaving two sons and a daughter; William, who died at the old homestead; Chauncey, of Greenfield, and his twin brother Charles, who died while an infant; Asa and Albert, also twins, the latter being now deceased and the former a resident of Leroy, N.Y.; Henry, who died an infant; and Calvin, now residing at the old homestead, which has been in the family's possession for over one hundred and thirty-two years. William Bryant died at the age of sixty-eight years. His widow died in 1869, at the age of seventy-nine.

Chauncey Bryant passed his childhood and the early years of his manhood at the paternal home in Ashfield, and acquired a fair education, considering the limited opportunities offered him in his youth for study. As above-mentioned, he spent the greater part of his active life in Greenfield. He has always been a Republican in politics, and in 1863 was appointed Deputy Sheriff — a position which he has since occupied, his first duty following his appointment having been to notify men who were drafted to serve in the Civil War. On

July 8, 1852, he wedded Miss Mehitable Bassett, of Ashfield, daughter of Francis and Mehitable (Ford) Bassett, her parents having moved to Ashfield from Dennis, on Cape Cod, of which town her grandfather, Lot Bassett, was one of the first settlers. Their only son, Charles A. Bryant, is now a successful hardware dealer at Chicopee, where he has been in business for the past twenty years. He is married, and has two sons and two daughters.

The subject of this sketch is a Royal Arch Mason, having first joined the Masonic order in 1865. His portrait on a neighboring page shows a man still vigorous in mind and body, one who, as an able and faithful public functionary, enjoys a well-earned popularity. Mr. Bryant has recently been called to part with his cherished companion, the devoted wife, who for more than forty years was the sharer of his cares and his joys. Mrs. Mehitable B. Bryant died at her home in Greenfield, June 7, 1895.

AUGUSTUS B. ROSS, an active business man at Miller's Falls, was born in Thompson, Conn., October 18, 1845, son of Amos and Cordelia (Strait) Ross, both natives of Thompson. His grandfather, Eli Ross, who was a Methodist preacher, was also born there, and passed the latter years of his life in a neighboring village. Amos Ross in early manhood engaged in the stove and tinware business, and conducted an extensive trade for some twenty-five years, keeping a number of teams on the road. His last years were spent in Northfield, Mass., where he carried on a successful real estate business. He died at the age of sixty-two years. His wife lived to be sixty-six years of age. Her last days were spent at Abington, Conn. Mr. Ross was a Methodist in religious belief. His wife was a member of the Baptist church.

They reared six children, as follows: Lafayette H., who served in a regiment of light artillery during the Civil War, and after his discharge from the service lived for a while in Springfield and later at East Longmeadow, Mass., where he died at the age of forty-eight years; Augustus B., the subject of this article; Cora E., wife of George P. Fields, now residing at the old homestead in Northfield; Dennis, formerly in business with his brother Augustus, who died at Miller's Falls at the age of forty-one years; Estella M., who married Arthur Holton, and died in Northfield at the age of thirty-nine years; and Frederick A., who has a wood yard at Brattleboro, Vt.

Augustus B. Ross attended the common schools and the academy at Thompson, Conn. He was twenty-one years of age when his parents removed to Northfield, where he remained for a time. He was subsequently, for three or four years, in the employ of a Boston concern, for whom he travelled through New England, selling shoddy and wool stock. He then erected a stock house in the vicinity of the depot, and, securing a mill at Winchester, engaged in the manufacture of shoddy, taking his brother into partnership, the firm being known as Ross Brothers. The business was well established and placed upon a sure footing when their plant was destroyed by fire, and the firm sustained a loss of from twenty-five thousand to thirty thousand dollars. Business was continued, however, and successfully carried on for a period of ten years, at the expiration of which the mills were again burned. Mr. Ross then gave his entire attention to the rag business at Miller's Falls, which he established in 1872. He conducts a large and profitable business, buying and selling rags at wholesale and also purchasing all of the condemned clothing from the government, which he sorts, classifies, and sells to paper manufact-

urers. He still owns the mill property at Winchester and a large amount of machinery, together with engines, boilers, etc., which he is holding for future use. He has invested extensively in real estate at Miller's Falls, and owns eight or ten houses which he himself erected; and he possesses a fine farm, which he devotes to dairying interests, keeping about twenty cows.

In 1871 Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Annie Augusta State, a native of Hinsdale, N.H., born January 29, 1855, daughter of Obed State, of Hinsdale. Obed State was a prominent citizen, who filled many positions of public trust. He was elected State Senator, and served some time as Justice of the Peace. He died in Hinsdale in 1869, at the age of fifty-six years. Mrs. State was called to rest in 1893, at the age of sixty-six. Mrs. Ross had two brothers and one sister, namely: Charles, a farmer residing in Winchester, where he has been Selectman and Postmaster for many years; George M.; and Susie, wife of Clarence E. Tyler. Mr. and Mrs. Ross have two children: Edward B. and Mabel S. Both are graduates of the high school at Montague, and Mabel is still pursuing her studies. Edward B. married Miss Jessie Doolittle, daughter of Silas Doolittle, of Hinsdale.

Mr. Ross is a Republican in politics, and his son also votes the Republican ticket.

WILLIAM WATSON DAVENPORT, a prosperous farmer and one of the most highly respected citizens of Leyden, Franklin County, was born there August 7, 1841, son of Calvin Newton and Lucy (White) Davenport, the former of whom was also a native of Leyden, where he was born June 4, 1805.

The Davenport family is of English origin,

tracing their ancestry back to Thomas Davenport, who came from England to America about the year 1635, and settled in Dorchester, Mass. Oliver Davenport, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Little Compton, R.I., born in 1714, and his son, Oliver Davenport, Jr., the grandfather of William Watson Davenport, was born in Coventry, Conn., in September, 1760. He was one of the early settlers in Leyden, Mass., and was successfully engaged in business as a drover, besides dealing quite extensively in cattle, which he drove on foot to Boston and Rhode Island. He also followed the vocation of a builder, or carpenter, and erected many of the old buildings that still stand in Leyden. His wife died July 1, 1842, at the age of seventy-six years. They were the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Harriet, born September 28, 1791; Sophia, born April 28, 1793; Calvin, born June 10, 1795; Lucy, born June 28, 1797; Clarissa, born June 7, 1800; Oliver (third), born September 8, 1802; Calvin N., born June 4, 1805. Oliver Davenport, who resides with our subject, is the only one now living.

Calvin Newton Davenport, who inherited good business capacities, followed the vocation of a farmer, and, like his father, was also successfully engaged as a drover and cattle dealer. His life was spent in Leyden, where he died September 25, 1852. In politics he was an ardent advocate of Democratic principles. In religious belief he and his wife, Lucy White Davenport, were Universalists. They were the parents of nine children, of whom five are still living. The record is as follows: Charles Newton, born October 20, 1832, who graduated from Glenwood School of Brattleboro, Vt., studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1854, and became a well-known lawyer; he died April 12, 1882, at Brattleboro, Vt. Martin

V., born September 26, 1834, is a farmer residing in Bernardston. George W., born June 14, 1839, resides in Bernardston. William Watson is the subject of this sketch. Stephen T., born September 14, 1843, is a successful lawyer of Brattleboro, Vt. Edgar Henri, born November 21, 1845, is engaged in law practice at Wilmington, Vt., and also in farming. Three died in early childhood, namely: Harriet, who passed away November 15, 1833; Sarah A., born June 21, 1837, who died August 1, 1837; and Delason S., born August 22, 1848, who died June 20, 1849.

William Watson Davenport received his education in the schools of Leyden, not in the ordinary manner, however; for from birth his sight was defective, and, as he was unable to see to read, he was dependent upon his hearing. But from listening to the recitations of the other children, he acquired considerable practical knowledge. He earned his first dollar at fifteen years of age, by sawing wood and threshing for David Mowry. When sixteen years of age he turned his attention to farming, purchasing his first parcel of land in Leyden, for the whole of which he was obliged to get credit. He afterward bought the homestead and lived there a number of years. Though deprived of sight, he was possessed of exceptional business capacities, and at one time owned as many as a thousand acres of land. He now owns in the neighborhood of four hundred acres in Leyden, Mass., and in Vermont. In addition to his general farming interests, Mr. Davenport is engaged in buying and selling stock and farm produce, and is to-day one of the largest stock dealers in Franklin County, handling about two hundred thousand pounds of wool in a year, and from one hundred to two thousand head of cattle. He is considered one of the best judges of the weight and condition of cattle in the town. Mr. Dav-

enport goes to Boston and New York on business, and, though unaccompanied on these trips, has never met with a mishap.

On November 7, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary Green Knox, who was born in Jacksonville, Ill., daughter of Milton and Mary C. (Green) Knox. Milton Knox was born in Blandford, Hampden County, Mass., December 7, 1814, and was there engaged in agriculture for many years. The latter part of his life was spent in Missouri, and he died in Hannibal, that State, May 30, 1862. In politics he was a Republican; in religious views, a Congregationalist. He was twice married. His first wife, Mary C. Green Knox, was born in West Springfield, Hampden County, Mass., September 21, 1812, and died at St. Louis, Mo., January 20, 1846. She, too, was a member of the Congregational church. She was the mother of three children, namely: Sophia E., born April 20, 1840, who died April 1, 1843; Mary G., born October 24, 1842; and Milton H., born in St. Louis, Mo., August 5, 1844, who died October 4, 1844. By his second wife Mr. Knox had six children, as follows: Olivia A., born December 4, 1848; John R., born October 3, 1852; Franklin, born January 1, 1855; Joseph H., born September 14, 1856; William H., born September 25, 1858; and John M., born September 4, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have reared two sons and two daughters: Stephen Tabor Knox Davenport, born September 1, 1871, a stock dealer and farmer, and at the present time a member of the School Committee of the town of Leyden, where he resides; Mary Lucy, born December 27, 1874, living with her parents; Charles Milton Davenport, born September 8, 1877; and Sarah Bertha, born October 6, 1881.

In politics Mr. Davenport is affiliated with the Democratic party, and has filled acceptably

many offices. He has served as Selectman three years, and is at present a member of the board. His wife has been a member of the School Board for four years. Mr. Davenport is liberal in his religious views, and his wife is a member of the Congregational church. In Mr. Davenport Franklin County possesses a citizen of whom she may well be proud, one who by honesty and business sagacity, despite the unusual difficulties under which he has labored, has raised himself from the foot of the ladder to the rounds of prosperity and success.

CHARLES A. MARCY, a conspicuous factor of the mercantile interests of the town of Colerain, is a native of Franklin County, his birth having occurred July 19, 1849, in the town of Leyden. His parents, Andrew H. and Lovilla (Peck) Marcy, were natives of this county, the father having been born in 1807, in Leyden, and the mother in 1811, in Colerain. Mr. Marcy's grandfather, Thomas Marcy, was one of the original settlers of Leyden, where he worked as a miller and millwright for several years. His last days were spent in Colerain, where he died in middle life, regretted as a valued citizen of the place. Politically, he was a strong member of the Whig party. His wife, whose maiden name was Amy Henry, attained the age of seventy-seven years. She was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Andrew H. Marcy followed the trade of his father, residing in the place of his birth until 1856. In that year he removed to Charlemont, where he bought a grist-mill, which he operated until within a few years of his death. He lived to be eighty-four years of age, dying in 1891. His wife died in 1895. In politics Mr. Marcy was a warm advocate of the principles of the Republican party from the time of

its formation. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. Thirteen children were born to their home circle, eleven of whom grew to maturity, and nine are now living, of whom we record the following: Andrew M. resides in Leyden; Elvira (Mrs. Rogers) in Colerain; Thomas E. in Blue Rapids, Kan.; Addie M. (Mrs. Darling) in Leyden; Charles A. is the subject of this brief sketch; Gilbert H. resides in Charlemont; Ella J. (Mrs. Pierson) in Grand Crossing, Ill.; Isabel C. (Mrs. Van Ness) in Ashfield; Mary C. (Mrs. Sheldon) in Springfield. The names of the deceased are as follows: Frank P., a soldier in the late Rebellion, who was killed at the battle of Pittsburg Landing; Alvin; Arathusa (Mrs. Darling); and Thomas, who died at the age of four years.

Charles A. Marcy passed the first fifteen years of his life in the place of his nativity, and there received a good education in the public schools. When sixteen years of age he removed with his parents to Charlemont, where he began his mercantile career by peddling tinware on the road, preferring this life to working in the mill with his father, as he had done in his younger days. In June, 1871, Mr. Marcy established himself in business at his present stand in the village of Colerain, forming a partnership with C. H. Wilcox, with whom he remained in company two years. In 1873 he bought his partner's interest in the business, and has since successfully carried it on alone. His large store contains a complete assortment of household furnishing goods, tinware, and furniture, and with true business enterprise he caters to the demands of his customers, endeavoring to please them in the quality and variety of his stock. He also deals in wagons and carriages, being in company with Mr. John D. Miller in this depart-

ment of his business, and having a large trade in the town and in the surrounding country.

On January 2, 1872, Mr. Marcy was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Donelson, a daughter of Samuel and Louisa Donelson. Mr. Donelson, who was a farmer in Colerain, died some time since. His wife is still living in that town.

In political and social circles, as well as in the business world, Mr. Marcy is quite prominent. He is a staunch Republican, and for seven years has been one of the Selectmen of the town, being at the present time chairman of the board. He and his wife are liberal in religious belief, and are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are quite active in society, and their pleasant home is a centre of genial hospitality.

MATTHEW STEBBINS SEVERANCE, an energetic farmer of Leyden, was born in that town August 6, 1836, son of Matthew and Maria T. (Stebbins) Severance. His father was born in Leyden, August 9, 1807, and his mother in Greenfield, August 20, 1808. (For a more extended account of the ancestral history of the family, the reader is referred to the sketch of Dr. W. S. Severance.)

Matthew Severance, the father of our subject, who followed at different times the occupation of tanner, shoemaker, and farmer, resided twenty years in Central New Jersey, where he was engaged in shoemaking. From there he went to Wisconsin; and he passed his last years in the State of Georgia, where he died on August 2, 1867, at the age of sixty. He was an honest and industrious man, who won the respect of all with whom he was associated. In politics he was a Democrat; in religious belief, a Methodist. His wife,

whose maiden name was Maria T. Stebbins, lived to be sixty-eight years of age, dying on October 9, 1876. Their family consisted of four children, two of whom are now living, namely: Maria T., widow of George A. Space, born August 7, 1829, who resides in New Brunswick, N.J.; and Matthew S., the subject of this article. Ellen E. died July 10, 1832; and Ellen (second) died August 17, 1836.

Matthew Stebbins Severance passed his boyhood and youth in various places, moving with his parents from Leyden to New York State when about a year old and residing there until ten years of age. He subsequently spent five years in New Jersey and two in Wisconsin, later returning to New Jersey. He received his education in Leyden and in Shelburne Falls, being sent there by his parents for that purpose. After completing his studies he was employed in the rubber works in New Jersey until 1859, when he went to Savannah, Ga. He entered the Confederate service during the Civil War, enlisting as a private in August, 1861, in the Home Guards, for a period of one year. He served two, however, having been conscripted for the war. He saw a great deal of severe fighting, serving under Generals Lawton, Early, Gordon, and Stonewall Jackson, and participating in the seven days' fight, the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and other memorable engagements. He was never discharged from the Confederate service, but entered the Union lines at Gettysburg in 1863 and voluntarily surrendered. He was confined at Fort Mifflin, seven miles below the city of Philadelphia, and succeeded in smuggling letters to his father, who visited the fort and provided him with a supply of United States currency, by the aid of which he effected his escape in broad daylight, and, after secreting himself in a cornfield until

night, swam the Delaware River to Camden under cover of the darkness, at length reaching New Brunswick, N.J., in safety. For a short time before the termination of the war he was engaged in making copper-nailed shoes at the latter place; and later he was for a period of two years employed on the Camden & Amboy Railroad, finally returning with his parents and family to Georgia and settling near Union Island, where he found mercantile employment, eventually becoming manager of the Hilton Timber and Lumber Company's store—a position which he held for twelve years. In 1882, on account of ill health, he resigned his position and returned to his native town, purchasing the farm on which he now resides, which comprises about one hundred and thirty-three acres of valuable land. There he has since been engaged in general farming with prosperous results.

On April 4, 1865, Mr. Severance married Harriet M. Belknap, who was born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, May 16, 1847, daughter of James and Mary (Hillyer) Belknap, the former of whom was a native of New York State, the latter of New Jersey. James Belknap died in Pennsylvania. His widow is still residing in that State. They had six children, two of whom are living: Edwin E., who now lives in Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Severance. The Belknap family also was well represented in the army at the time of the Civil War. Edwin E. served in the Seventeenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. John was killed at Antietam, September 22, 1862, cut off in the flower of his youth, being but twenty-two years of age. Nathaniel E., who was a member of the One Hundred and Forty-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, was taken prisoner by Mr. Severance's own division, and conducted to Libby Prison. He died January 17, 1880. Angelina Belknap died at the age

of fourteen years, and Mary E. died at the age of twenty-two.

Mr. and Mrs. Severance have had a family of seven children, as follows: George M., born at New Brunswick, N.J., February 25, 1866, now a successful contractor and builder in Newark, N.J., who married F. E. Allen, and has one child, Agnes M.; James W., born July 22, 1867, who died in infancy; Frederick J., born in McIntosh County, Georgia, December 16, 1869; Robert N., born in Georgia, May 29, 1875; Ella M., born in McIntosh County, Georgia, October 2, 1877, now the wife of W. S. Davis, a resident of Shelburne, Mass., and the mother of one son, Frederick William; Lettice E., born in Darien, Ga., May 8, 1879; and Harriet B., born March 24, 1887, in Leyden, Mass.

Mr. Severance is a Democrat in politics, and has held various offices in the town. Both Mr. and Mrs. Severance belong to the Methodist Episcopal church.

HORACE KEMP, a prominent farmer in West Leyden, was born in Shelburne, August 17, 1835, son of Lawrence and Mary S. (Stewart) Kemp, his father being a native of Shelburne and his mother of Colerain. Mr. Kemp's grandfather, Lawrence Kemp, was born in Shelburne, his father being one of the pioneer settlers there. He was a farmer, leaving his plough to fight in the War of 1812, and on the declaration of peace returning to his quiet pastures and furrowed fields. He died at an advanced age, his wife also living to be quite old.

Lawrence Kemp, the father of our subject, was also engaged in farming in Shelburne, where he remained all his life. He was an industrious and successful man, thorough in all his undertakings. Casting his first vote

in the Democratic ranks, he later changed his views and joined the Republican party. He died at the age of forty-nine. His wife outlived him many years, passing away when seventy-seven years old. They had seven children, six of whom reached maturity. Three are now living, namely: Mary Ann, who became Mrs. Matthews, and lives in Brookline, Mass.; Sumner, residing in Alden, Ia.; and Horace, our subject. Lucretia M., Charles S., and Elsie C., are deceased.

Horace Kemp's boyhood days were passed in Shelburne; and there he attended school until twelve years of age, when he went to work on a farm, receiving six dollars for his first month's labor. For ten years he worked for other people, saving his earnings until he had enough to buy some land, when he purchased the property in Leyden now owned by Bridg-ham Martin, consisting of seventy acres. On this farm he lived for three years. He then sold the land and moved to Colerain, where he spent eleven years. In 1872 he bought the estate where he now resides, which covers about three hundred acres and is fitted with substantial and convenient buildings, which Mr. Kemp has remodelled since purchasing. His farm is in good condition, and everything about the place bespeaks the careful husbandman.

On April 22, 1858, Mr. Kemp was married to Eliza A., daughter of Walter and Salome (Shepherdson) Bell, who was born on June 7, 1835. Mrs. Kemp is of English descent, her first ancestor in America being James Bell, an Englishman, who was one of the pioneer settlers in Colerain, where he cultivated a farm. He was commonly known as Lieutenant Bell, and was an energetic and prominent man, holding office in the town at various times and filling the position of Town Clerk for years. He died in Colerain at an advanced age. His son

Walter, the grandfather of Mrs. Kemp, was born in Roxbury, Mass., and was taken to Colerain when a young child. He, too, followed agriculture, and owned a good farm in the eastern part of the town. Though small in stature, he was noted for his courage. He fought bravely in the Revolution, receiving a pension for his services. In politics he was a Whig. On the subject of religion his views were liberal. He died at the homestead at an advanced age. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Crouch, also lived to a good old age. They had eleven children, Mrs. Kemp's father, Walter Bell, being the fifth child. He also took up the pursuit of agriculture, and was besides a successful business man, taking contracts for roads and other public works. A Republican in politics, he took an active part in town affairs and was a prominent citizen. He died at the Bell homestead. His wife, who was a native of Leyden, died August 1, 1882. She was an active member of the Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp have five children, namely: Elsie S. B., wife of M. D. Miner, of Leyden; Ida G., wife of Charles D. Miner, of Colerain; Walter H. Kemp, who married Mae S. Martin and lives in East Colerain; William S., in Brookline, Mass.; and Harvey L., in Colerain.

Politically, Mr. Kemp is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in whose affairs he takes an active part. They have a pleasant home and are prominent people in the town.

URIAH T. DARLING, a highly respected and prosperous farmer of Leyden, Franklin County, was born there June 11, 1836, son of Uriah T. and Caroline (Williams) Darling. His grandfather, Moses

Darling, was a native of Vermont and a successful farmer of Guilford in that State, where he died at an advanced age. He was the father of seven children, four sons and three daughters, of whom three are now living: Mrs. Lestina Scott, of Vermont; Oren E. Darling, of Springfield, Mass.; and John Darling, of Hartford, Conn. Moses E., Elmira, Uriah T., and Lucinda have passed away.

Uriah T. Darling, Sr., was born in Guilford, Vt., December 30, 1802, and on his father's farm received practical instruction in agriculture. In early manhood he removed to Rowe, Mass., where he was successfully engaged in farming. About the year 1832 he located in Leyden, where he purchased a farm in the western part of the town; and in 1853 or 1854 he bought the homestead on which his son resides. He died there at eighty-five years of age. His wife is still living, and makes her home with Uriah T. Darling, Jr. In political affiliation Mr. Darling was a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They were the parents of twelve children, all but one of whom are now living. They were named as follows: Henry A., Moses E., Charles W., Caroline L., Uriah T., Joseph D., Olive, George L., Mary J., John R., Amelia, and Elizabeth (deceased).

Uriah T. Darling, Jr., grew to manhood in Leyden, receiving his early education in the district school, and finishing his studies at Powers Institute in Bernardston. He taught for fifteen terms in the town of Leyden and in the States of New Hampshire and Vermont. On attaining his majority, he started on an independent career, and for some time was engaged in farming, subsequently entering the mercantile business at Leyden Centre, where he successfully conducted a general store for seventeen years. He then disposed of this



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business and bought the old homestead, where he now lives. His farm comprises one hundred and twelve acres of land, and he carries on general farming with good results. Mr. Darling is a veteran of the Civil War, having enlisted September 8, 1862, in Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, under Colonel H. S. Greenleaf. He served in the Commissary Department from that time until he received an honorable discharge, August 14, 1863.

On November 4, 1866, Mr. Darling was married to Miss Arathusa Marcy, daughter of Andrew H. and Lovilla (Peck) Marcy. Mr. Marcy was born May 1, 1807, and died August 12, 1891. His wife, who was born May 7, 1811, died January 11, 1895. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: Thomas J., who died at four years of age; Alvin J., who was eight years old when he died; Arathusa, who lived to be twenty-three years of age; Frank P., who died at twenty-four years of age, being killed April 7, 1862, at the battle of Shiloh, in which he participated as a soldier of the Forty-sixth Illinois Regiment of sharpshooters; Murvin A., a farmer residing in Leyden; Elvira L. (Mrs. Rogers), a resident of Colerain, Mass.; Thomas E., who resides in Kansas; Adelaide; Charles A., a resident of Colerain, Mass.; Gilbert H., of Charlemont, Mass.; Ella (Mrs. Pierson), of Chicago, Ill.; Isabella (Mrs. Van Ness), of Ashfield, Mass.; and Mary C. (Mrs. Sheldon), of Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Darling died May 1, 1869; and on January 8, 1871, Mr. Darling was married to her sister, Miss Adelaide M. Marcy, who was born November 26, 1847. She has borne two children, one of whom, Frank Marcy Darling, born January 19, 1880, died in infancy.

Mr. Darling is active in political matters and an ardent advocate of Republican princi-

ples. His townsmen have shown their appreciation of his sterling character by electing him to various positions of trust. For sixteen years he has filled the office of Town Clerk and Treasurer, and since 1883 has served on the Board of Selectmen, of which he has acted as chairman during the past four years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Republican Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Greenfield.

FRANK N. BASCOM is a very successful farmer, residing on the banks of Fall River, about three miles from Gill Centre. He was born on October 21, 1856, on the same farm he now occupies, and which was the birthplace of his father, Ezekiel L. Bascom, whose portrait appears on the next page of this volume. Mr. Bascom's grandfather, Dorus Bascom, was also a native of Gill, having been a son of Moses Bascom, who was born at Greenfield, on May 15, 1761. The latter was the third in line from the original settler, Thomas Bascom, who located at Northampton, where his death occurred. (For a more extended account of the family's early history the reader is referred to a complete genealogy published by William Parsons Lunt, of Boston, in 1870.)

Moses Bascom first settled on the farm now owned by Frank N. Bascom, and reclaimed it from the wilderness, the original tract of land having been a very large one. He first constructed a log cabin, in which he resided for a time, later erecting the present substantial farm-house, which is still in a good state of preservation; and here he passed the remainder of his days. Dorus Bascom, son of Moses, resided in this house from his birth to his decease, and successfully conducted the farm. He became very prominent in local public affairs, holding the offices of Selectman and

Town Clerk and other positions of responsibility. He married Esther Newton, and reared a family of eight children, Mr. Bascom's father being the fifth son. Ezekiel L. Bascom was reared to farming, but relinquished that occupation for the stone-cutter's trade, which he followed in this vicinity for a time, later, however, returning to the farm, of which he assumed charge during his parents' declining years, and, after inheriting the property, continued to reside there until his decease, in 1876, at the age of fifty-six years. He was a Democrat in politics and a well-known man, serving as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He was a member of the Universalist church. His wife, Theresa Ballard, was a daughter of Amaziah and Martha (Curtis) Ballard, her father being a farmer of Gill, son of Jeremiah Ballard, who died there at a good old age. Mrs. Ballard was a daughter of Thomas Curtis, a resident of Brattleboro, Vt., and was one of a large family of children. She and her husband were the parents of eleven daughters, five of whom are still living, namely: Martha; Mary, a resident of Gill; Maverett; Pomona; and Laura, who resides at the old homestead, where the mother died. Mrs. Ezekiel L. Bascom reared two children: Lizzie, wife of Almon Hale, of Bernardston; and Frank N., with whom she now resides.

Frank N. Bascom received a good education in the schools of his native town and at the academy at Bernardston. He was twenty years of age at the time of his father's death; and he has since conducted the farm, which consists of about two hundred acres and is devoted principally to the dairying interests. He has erected his present handsome residence, together with a spacious barn, and has made many other improvements.

In 1881 he was most happily united in marriage to Edna Dorrel, one of three children of

the late Harris Dorrel, of Leyden. Mrs. Bascom's father died at Greenfield. Her mother is still living. Mr. Bascom and his wife have four children, as follows: Earle, Rene, Edric, and Alice. Mr. Bascom is a Democrat in politics. He attends the Unitarian church, his mother being a Universalist in her religious belief.

EZRA FOSTER, a highly intelligent farmer and one of the oldest and best-known citizens of Leyden, was born February 2, 1815, son of Ezra and Nancy (Smith) Foster. The father was a native of Bernardston, Mass., born September 21, 1779, and the mother was born in Chesterfield, N.H., October 25, 1781.

Ezra Foster's great-grandfather was one of three brothers who came to America from England, landing at Plymouth, Mass. He located in Middletown, Conn., in which place his son, Ezekiel, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born. The latter removed to Bernardston, Mass., when a young man. The country was then new, and there was an abundance of wild game of various kinds, the forests being tenanted by deer, bears, and wolves, and beavers abounding along the borders of the streams, in whose waters trout and other fish were plentiful. There Ezekiel Foster lived a primitive life, farming, hunting, and fishing. In 1782 he settled in the northern part of Leyden, and in 1786-87 he was an active participant in Shays's Rebellion, so called from its leader, Daniel Shays, a native of Hopkinton, Mass. This, it will be remembered, was caused by the financial depression following the Revolution. Daniel Shays, who had been a Captain in the army, headed a body of the people who demanded the abolition of taxes and an issue of paper money for general use. Mr. Foster died at the age

of seventy-five years. His wife, Chloe (Burnham) Foster, was also a native of Connecticut, and removed to Bernardston, Mass., where their marriage took place. She was over ninety years of age at the time of her death. Their union was blessed by the birth of nine children, of whom five sons and three daughters grew to maturity.

Ezra Foster, their eldest son, the father of our subject, acquired a good practical education in the schools of Leyden. He chose the independent vocation of a farmer and became the owner of the homestead farm, which he cultivated with profitable results. He also took great interest in the welfare of his town. He was a man of sterling character; and that his fellow-men were not unmindful of his worth is evinced by the positions of trust and responsibility bestowed upon him, among which were those of Selectman and Overseer of the Poor. He also served as a Captain of the State militia. His wife, Nancy (Smith) Foster, bore him eight children: Nancy, Sylvia, Mary, Ezra, Joseph, Maria, Louisa, and Ransom. Three of these are now living: Ezra, Ransom, and Maria (Mrs. Warner), who resides in Greenfield, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Foster spent their last years on the old Foster homestead in the northern part of Leyden, the former dying March 1, 1864, and the latter, February 21, 1875, at the age of ninety-three years.

Ezra Foster received his education in the district schools of Leyden, at Northfield Academy, and at Halifax, Mass. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, beginning at nineteen to earn a livelihood by teaching school, at which he was engaged for twelve years. He then decided to change his occupation, and, purchasing his first land, the farm where he now resides, he engaged in agriculture, and by hard work and good business ability commanded success.

Mr. Foster has been twice married. On May 6, 1846, he was united to Miss Sarah A. Wilbur, who was born in Leyden in 1818, and died June 4, 1862. Three children were born of this union: Frank W., who resides in Greenfield; and Edgar S. and Charlie, who died on the same day, September 26, 1869, aged respectively eighteen and sixteen years, and were buried in one grave. Mr. Foster's second marriage took place May 17, 1863, his bride being Miss Susan A. Mowry, a native of Leyden, born September 15, 1840, daughter of Manley and Jane E. (Wilds) Mowry, both natives of Leyden. Mr. Mowry, who was a hard-working and successful farmer in Leyden, died at the age of seventy-two. His wife still resides in Leyden. They were the parents of five children, of whom three are living, namely: Mary C., the wife of D. N. Carpenter, of Leyden; Mrs. Foster; and Haven A. Mowry, of Greenfield, Mass. Esther E. died in her thirty-seventh year, and Manley M. at forty-three years of age.

Mr. Foster has been a member of the Republican party ever since its formation. He takes an active interest in the welfare of his town, which he has served acceptably as Selectman and in minor offices; and at the present time he holds the State office of stock inspector. He and his estimable wife are influential members of the Universalist church, of which he has served as secretary during the past thirty years.

MRS. E. JOSEPHINE GOULD, now residing in Greenfield, but a native of Gill, where she was born January 12, 1846, traces her paternal ancestry as follows: her father, Asa C. Howe, was a son of Elmer and Eliza (Osgood) Howe, and grandson of Asa and Esther (Bowker) Howe.

Asa Howe, her great-grandfather, who was born in Sudbury, Mass., followed the occupation of a farmer, owning a farm in Wendell; but in 1837 he and his son Elmer moved to Gill, where with his wife, Esther Bowker, he spent his last years on what is known as the Bates and Howe homestead. Elmer Howe, who was also a farmer, passed the latter part of his life in Gill, dying at the old homestead in 1853, in his sixty-eighth year. His wife, Eliza Osgood, was a native of Wendell; and they were the parents of five children. During her last days she lived in Greenfield, where she died in 1876, at the age of eighty-eight.

Asa C. Howe, the father of Mrs. Gould, was born in Wendell, in 1814. His education was begun in the district school, and completed by a course at Shelburne Falls Academy. He remained with his father on the farm in Wendell until he came to the Bates and Howe homestead in Gill, where he died in 1891, at the age of seventy-six. He was a member of the Methodist church and very active in its affairs, holding office as Sunday-school superintendent, also as Trustee and Steward. Politically, he was a Republican, and for some years held the office of Selectman. Mr. Asa C. Howe married Almira Bates, who was born in 1819, daughter of John Bates and grand-daughter of Jacob Bates. Jacob Bates, great-grandfather of Mrs. Gould, was a native of Thompson, near Sutton, and one of a family of twelve children. He was at one time a sailor and ship builder; but the greater part of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits, his last years being spent on the Bates homestead, which he purchased as early as 1770. His wife was Bathsheba Pierce, of Winchester, the daughter of a hotel-keeper; and they had one son, John, who learned the shoemaker's trade, but at his father's death he

became the owner of the old homestead. John Bates was one of the best-known men of Gill, holding at different times various offices, among them those of Deputy Sheriff, Selectman, and Overseer of the Poor, as well as that of Assessor for many years. He was also prominent in Masonic circles, being Treasurer of Republican Lodge of Greenfield. Four children were born to Asa C. and Almira (Bates) Howe: Henry C., who married Maria Dennison, of Leyden; Lyman B., who married Frances Chapin, of Leyden; E. Josephine, the subject of this sketch; and Isabel, who married Leroy Park. The mother is a member of the Methodist church.

E. Josephine Howe completed her education at Powers Institute, Bernardston, after which she taught school in Bernardston, Gill, and Northfield. On September 4, 1867, she was married to Lucius H., son of Hazeltine and Sarah (Farnsworth) Gould, of Dover, Vt., and grandson of Benjamin and Hannah (Hazeltine) Gould of the same place. Benjamin Gould was a farmer in Dover, Vt., at the time of his death. His wife, Hannah Hazeltine, was a native of Jamestown, N.Y. Hazeltine Gould followed the threefold pursuits of farmer, carpenter, and mason, living in Dover until the latter part of his life, which was spent in Swanzey, N.H. He and his wife, Sarah Farnsworth, were the parents of seven children: Lucius H.; Susan H., who married Harvey Sargent; George A.; Emerson A.; Abbie, who married Oscar Steadman; Fannie M.; and Frank. Four are still living. The mother was a member of the Baptist church, and died in Dover, Vt., in 1872. The maternal ancestry of Lucius H. Gould is traced as follows: his mother, Sarah Farnsworth Gould, was a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Nichols) Farnsworth, and grand-daughter of Deacon Samuel and Rhoda (Carpenter) Nichols. The

latter was a daughter of Governor Benjamin Carpenter, who was the son of Edward and Elizabeth (Wilson) Carpenter, and was born in Rehoboth, Mass., in 1726. He was among the foremost of the early patriots of the State, being a Colonel in the Revolutionary service. He removed to Guilford, Vt., in 1770, and was a founder of the first Constitution and government of Vermont, being made a counsellor of Censors in 1783, and a member of the Council and Lieutenant Governor of the State in 1778-81.

Lucius H. Gould lived on a farm till he was twenty-five years old. He was educated at Leland & Gray Seminary, Townshend, Vt., and at Powers Institute, and for a time taught school in Vermont and Massachusetts, and also in Iowa, where for three years he was principal of Quasqueton Academy and Secretary of Buchanan County Board of Education. Returning East, he purchased a store in East Dover, Vt., which he run for six years and then sold, after which, in 1873, he moved to Bernardston, Mass., where he carried on a successful trade for sixteen years and where he lived until his death, which occurred on May 2, 1889, at the age of fifty-one years. Mr. Gould was a Republican in politics and was a man who took great interest in the welfare of his town, which he served as Selectman and Assessor for several years. He was superintendent of schools in Dover and a Trustee of Powers Institute and of Cushman Library in Bernardston. He was an attendant of the Methodist church, being prominent in church affairs. He is survived by his wife and one child, a daughter, Myrabel Josephine, who was graduated at Powers Institute as valedictorian of her class, and after teaching one year entered Wellesley College. Mrs. Gould is a woman of much intelligence and cultivation, is a member of the Methodist church at Bernardston, and when living there was connected with

various organizations, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Missionary Society, the Ladies' Reading Club, and the Chautauqua Circle.

WILLIAM A. MOORE, an energetic and progressive business man of the town of New Salem, living in the village of Millington, is a worthy representative of the native-born citizens of the place, having won for himself an enviable reputation for honest integrity and straightforward dealing. He comes from excellent English antecedents, and is of substantial pioneer stock, the Moore family having first been represented in this country in 1635, when one of the name settled in Charlestown, Mass., going from there to Sudbury.

Asa Moore, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Sudbury, and, in the words of the typical Westerner of to-day, was more of a hustler than the majority of his neighbors. He first engaged in business, consisting of farming, lumbering, and operating a grist-mill at Leverett, Mass., where he was one of the early settlers. While residing there, he married Persis Knight, and they became the parents of nine children; namely, Levi, Otis, James, Lewis, Martin, Lyman, Jefferson, Garry, and a daughter who died when very young. In company with one of the older sons he bought the mill property now owned by the father of the subject of this sketch at Millington, then owned by one Josiah Miller, and later on put his son Lyman in charge of the mill.

Levi Moore learned the miller's trade, engaged in business in several different places, and finally settled in Greenfield, where he died. Otis married Polly Montague, owned with his father a part of the mill at Millington for a time, finally sold out, and moved to

Frewsburg, N.Y., conveying his family and household effects by an ox team the entire distance, much of the way through the wilderness, finding their path by means of marked trees. There he cleared up land, and engaged in farming, lumbering, and milling the remainder of his life. James, a millwright by trade, married Tryphosa Montague, settled at New Salem, owned for a time an interest in the mill business with his father, and died while a young man. Lewis married, engaged in the milling business in Leverett, where he spent his days, and reared a large family. Martin married Beulah Fiske, of Wendell, and settled on the old homestead of the Moore family in Leverett, but afterward moved to Montague, where he followed farming the remainder of his days.

Lyman, the grandfather of William A. Moore, was born in July, 1799, in Leverett, and there learned the millwright and miller's trade; and, coming to Millington, he took charge of the mill which his father bought, and which, by the way, was one of the first (if not the first) mills ever built in the locality. He soon succeeded his father in ownership of the property, and was possessed of the same at the time of his death, December 29, 1843, in the forty-fifth year of his age. He was a man of unusual merit and respected by all, a Democrat in politics, a Unitarian in religious belief. His wife, whose maiden name was Eliza Smith, was a faithful member of the Congregational church. She preceded him to the land of eternal joys, passing away January 26, 1841, aged thirty-nine years.

There were born to them a family of eight children; namely, Lyman E., Abigail, Jane, Hiram F., Maria A., Edward D., Lucian P., and Seraphine. Two of these, Abigail and Jane, died when very young. Hiram F., a millwright and general mechanic, married

Cordelia Parlin. They settled in Millington, and were the parents of three children, who, together with the mother, have crossed the river which bounds the life that now is. Maria A. married Otis H. Moore, of Frewsburg, N.Y., where they started in life together; and two children, Clara L. and Lucia E., were sent to bless them. Edward D., a mechanic, settled in Frewsburg, married Emogene Pope; and a son, H. Otis, came to them. The father died about 1880.

Lucian P. Moore, a tanner by trade, a business which he followed a great many years, has for several years found employment in some of the largest shoe-shops in the State, having entire charge of certain departments. He married Lucretia Clapp, of Montague, and to them four children have been born: Nellie, Lottie, Clarence, and Robert. Seraphine Moore, who died April 25, 1888, at Buffalo, at fifty years of age, married Elijah R. Saxton, of Montague, a man of extraordinary business qualification and ability, who settled in Buffalo, N.Y., where they resided many years, and, having accumulated a large property, retired from business. They had one son — Charles B. Saxton — who was educated at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Lyman E. Moore, the first named in the above list of the children of Lyman and Eliza (Smith) Moore, and the father of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this sketch, was born at New Salem (Millington), where he now lives, April 15, 1824, and received his education in the common schools and at Hopkins Academy at Hadley, Mass. After the death of his father he bought out the interest of the other heirs in the mill and house, and has since been engaged in the grain business, having built up an extensive local trade, which he now conducts. In 1858 he rebuilt the mill, putting in new machinery.

The house is one of the oldest in town, and is in good condition, having withstood the blasts of one hundred and forty winters.

Mr. Lyman E. Moore has always been an important factor in promoting the interests of the town of his nativity, advancing by every means in his power all beneficial enterprises. Since 1866 he has served as Postmaster and Justice of the Peace, and he has been one of the Trustees of New Salem Academy for several years. He is a Republican in politics; and, though he has steadily refused official honors, he served as Representative to the State legislature in 1869. He has been connected with the Masonic fraternity for over forty years, having first united with the Mount Zion Lodge at Hardwick (now of Barre), and is now a member of the Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of Crescent Royal Arch Chapter.

In 1847 Mr. Lyman E. Moore married Elizabeth Thompson, who was born December 12, 1830, at Hardwick, Mass., and died December 4, 1878. Three children were born to them: Charles L., who died when a child; Eliza A.; and William A. Eliza A. is the widow of Edwin N. Kellogg, of Orange, who died November 5, 1885. She has had four children, namely: Agnes E., who died in September, 1885, at the age of sixteen years; Nathaniel P., who married Annie Durheim, of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Grace E. and Charles L., who now reside in Orange.

William A. Moore, the leading subject of this sketch, was born September 15, 1859. He was educated at New Salem Academy, and, like the rest of the Moore family, learned the miller's trade. He married Della F. Wood, of Prescott, Mass., and resides with his father, caring for the business, which he now conducts. Socially, he, also, is a Mason, belonging to the Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

FRANK H. ZABRISKIE, M.D., junior member of the firm of Dean & Zabriskie, physicians and surgeons, of Greenfield, is winning a wide and favorable reputation as one of the most successful practitioners of this part of the State, and bids fair to attain a position of eminence among the best physicians of the day. He was born in Norfolk, Va., August 31, 1859, and is of Polish origin, the Zabriskie family having originated in Poland, whence they removed to Holland, where they abided for a while. In 1662 Albert Zabriskie sailed from Amsterdam, Holland, in the ship "Fox," and, coming to this country, settled in Hackensack, N.J.; and some of his posterity have since that time intermarried with the Dutch. He was accompanied in his voyage to the New World by his wife, whom he had wedded in Holland, and their five children. One of his descendants, Christian Zabriskie, born at Englewood, N.J., in 1787, son of Albert Christian Zabriskie, was an importer of dry goods, and carried on an extensive business in New York City. He married Jane Roome, who bore him six sons and four daughters, all of whom married and reared families, their son Horsburgh, who was born in New York City in 1822, being the father of the subject of this brief sketch.

Horsburgh Zabriskie was for many years an active business man in the city of his nativity, being an insurance agent at 154 Broadway. In 1847 he was united in marriage with Virginia Hartshorn, a native of Norfolk, Va., born in 1824, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Virginia A., wife of E. C. Sterling, a real estate dealer of New York City; and Frank H. Zabriskie. The father passed to his rest in 1891, but the mother is still living in New York.

Frank H. Zabriskie grew to maturity and

was educated in the city of New York, attending the public schools at first, and later the College of Physicians and Surgeons, from which he was graduated in 1883, receiving the degree of M.D. In 1886 Dr. Zabriskie came to Greenfield, and, being favorably impressed with the place and the people, opened an office here. After a year's successful practice he formed a partnership with Dr. Dean, with whom he has since been associated. A thorough student of medicine, in the diagnosis and treatment of the various diseases brought to his notice he has met with unusual success, and has won his full share of the patronage of the community in which he has settled.

The union of Dr. Frank H. Zabriskie with Miss Fannie Dean, daughter of Dr. H. C. Dean, was solemnized on the sixteenth day of June, 1893. They occupy an elegant residence on Highland Avenue, erected by the Doctor in 1890. Politically, Dr. Zabriskie is a supporter of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Franklin County Medical Society and of the Massachusetts Medical Society, being quite influential in both societies.

CARL EMIL JULIUS WEISBROD, a prominent manufacturer of Greenfield, Mass., was born at Coburg, Germany, in the month of April, 1843. His father, Carl Weisbrod, who was born in the same city in 1815, and also his grandfather and an uncle, were landscape gardeners upon the estates of King Leopold of Belgium, holding positions which lasted through life. Carl Weisbrod married Frederica Bernhardt, and their three children were: Caroline, widow of Mr. Zehner and now a resident of Coburg; Carl Emil, of this sketch; and Johanna, who married Albert Wright, of Greenfield. The parents both died in the old

country, the father in 1885, the mother two years later.

Their children received the benefit of a good education, and Carl Emil, as the result of a competitive examination, earned the privilege of attending a university; but, preferring to enter mercantile life, he began at the age of seventeen a four years' apprenticeship in the office of a large banking and manufacturing establishment. During this apprenticeship Mr. Weisbrod was a member of a well-known rifle club, which was fitted out by the Duke Ernst II. of Coburg, and instructed by a captain of Garibaldi's army; and on the occasion of a national festival at Gotha, the capital of the duchy of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the club was invited, and entertained for three days at the Duke's palace, "Marienthal." After he had served there three years, the firm failed; and he was employed for part of another year to assist in closing up their affairs. In June, 1865, he started for the United States, having the promise of a situation in New York City; but, stopping at Brussels to visit a friend of his father, he lost the steamer in which he had intended to take passage from Antwerp, and, being obliged to cross the ocean in a sailing-vessel, arrived at New York too late to secure the situation.

Thus finding himself alone among strangers without means of support, he readily seized the first opportunity for work which presented itself, and entered the employ of Alexander Levino & Co., pocket-book manufacturers, with whom he served an apprenticeship of three years, at first receiving one dollar per month and board, which was eventually increased to three dollars per week. Although the wages were small, the experience gained was valuable, as it placed him in possession of a trade, which he has since followed with success. In September, 1870, he established

business at Montague on a very small scale, with a capital of sixty dollars, himself and wife being the only operatives, until a time when its growth required assistance; and ere-long the enterprise assumed such importance as to necessitate the employment of twenty hands. In 1887 he moved to Greenfield, where he established his factory in the large three-story brick building that had been erected by the county for the sheriff's residence and jail. Mr. Weisbrod purchased this property, which afforded ample facilities for the enlargement of his business; and he now employs from forty to seventy hands.

Mr. Weisbrod and Miss Mary E. Newcomb, of North Adams, were married at Greenfield on September 14, 1869; and they have seven children, one of whom, a daughter, died at the age of seven years. The four sons and two daughters who survive are as follows: Carl, who wedded Florence Leslie, grand-daughter of the famous publisher, Frank Leslie, and is in company with his father; Willis Hamilton, also in company with his father; Luther H., an apt and industrious workman in his father's employ; Bertha, who is at present attending school; Elsie; and Frederick William. Mrs. Weisbrod was well educated, and taught school previous to her marriage. She and her husband are members of the Congregational church, and Mr. Weisbrod is Deacon of this and a Director and the Treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association.

HENRY WARD CLOGSTON, a successful farmer and dairyman of Bernardston, was born in Springfield, Mass., June 22, 1859, son of William and Sarah E. (Poor) Clogston. William Clogston's father, John Glasford Clogston, was a native of Goffstown, N.H., born August 5,

1794; and his wife, Eunice (Roberts) Clogston, was born in Strafford, Vt., July 29, 1797. He was a farmer, and resided in Strafford many years. On the breaking out of the War of 1812 he enlisted, and did good service for his country. He and his wife belonged to the Universalist church, and in politics he was a Republican. They had eight children, five of whom are now living: Spencer Clogston lives in Tunbridge, Vt.; Mary, in Norwich, Vt.; Aphia, in Strafford, Vt.; and Luman, in Fair Haven, Vt.; William, in Springfield, Mass. John, Henry, and Lucius are deceased.

William Clogston, the father of Henry Ward, was born in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vt., July 15, 1831, but during the greater part of his life has been a resident of Springfield, Mass. For at least twenty years he has acted in the capacity of travelling salesman for the Powers Paper Company, and is still with them, having been in their service longer than any other man employed by them. He is a good business man, and knows how to make customers and friends when on the road, and does not lack for the latter, whether at home or *en route*. He owns a fine library, and has a valuable collection of antiquities and other curiosities, and is extremely well informed in the early history of Massachusetts.

William Clogston was united in marriage to Sarah E. Poor, who was born in Robbinston, Me., February 20, 1833. Ancestors of Mrs. Sarah E. Poor Clogston were among the very early settlers of America. A certain Phillip Poor immigrated to this country so long ago that the date is very uncertain, but certain it is that many years later his descendants, among whom were Captain Thomas Poor and Captain Jonathan Poor, took active part in the French and Indian War; and members of this

family have also taken part in the Revolution and, later still, in the great Rebellion. Mr. and Mrs. Clogston have had four children, two of whom are deceased, namely: Willie, who was born in June, 1853, and died in 1855; and Harry V. The only daughter, Ida F. Clogston, born August 9, 1856, is the wife of Walter Shipman, of Springfield, who is connected with the *Springfield Republican*. Henry W. Clogston, the subject of this sketch, was the youngest-born of the family. The parents are liberal in their religious views, and in politics both father and son are Republican.

Henry Ward Clogston spent the days of his boyhood in the city of Springfield, where he attended school and formed many of the friendships of youth which are so pleasant to renew in riper years. At the age of sixteen he left school; and, entering the office of the *Springfield Homestead*, he began mastering the mysteries of the printer's craft, but at the end of a year gave it up, and entered upon his career as a farmer. He commenced by working out, receiving for his first month's wages five dollars. For three seasons he worked for others, but the fourth year hired a piece of land in Springfield, which he worked for two years. So well did he succeed that he was enabled to buy one hundred and twenty acres of land at Bernardston; and on March 10, 1881, he moved to this town, and started as his own master on his own land. He has since acquired adjoining property, and now has in all one hundred and forty-two acres of very good land, with convenient buildings. At present he has twenty-two head of stock — full blood Jerseys and grades. He gives his entire time and thought to his farming and dairying, and is making a grand success. The cream from his dairy is in great demand, and Mr. Clogston is already reckoned as one

of Bernardston's most enterprising and thriving farmers.

On September 12, 1881, Henry Clogston was united in marriage to Eva L. Ross, who was born in Northfield, Vt., March 27, 1862, daughter of Freeman and Jane O. (Preston) Ross, both now living in South Royalton, Vt., where her father follows the carpenter's trade. Mr. Clogston and wife are members of the Unitarian church, and he is an adherent of the Republican party in politics. They have one son, Willie H. Clogston, who was born July 3, 1882.

CAPTAIN ALVAH P. NELSON, a retired farmer and lumberman of Colerain, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in this town, May 9, 1828, a son of David and Hannah (Brown) Nelson. His father was a native of Colerain, his mother of Rhode Island; and their marriage took place on February 5, 1824. Captain Nelson's grandfather, William Nelson, moved from Stonington, Conn., to Whitingham, Vt., where he lived one or two years, and then came to Colerain during the early days of the settlement of the town. He cleared a farm in the wilderness, first owning a small tract of fifty acres; but by his persistent industry he acquired a large farm, which he successfully conducted for many years. He died there, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha Riddell, and who also lived to reach a good old age, became the mother of six children — three sons and three daughters — who grew to maturity, and have passed away.

David Nelson succeeded to the possession of the old homestead, and resided there during his entire life, engaging in the lumber business in connection with farming. He at-



ALVAH P. NELSON.

tained a prominent position in the community, was a Selectman for four or five years, and also held other offices in the town. He was an officer in the State militia, a Democrat in politics, and liberal in his religion. His death occurred at the Nelson homestead, March 19, 1876, at the age of seventy-four years, his wife having died at the age of fifty-eight years. Of their seven children six lived to reach maturity, namely: Willard D., a resident of Colerain; Marcus, who now resides at Champlain, Ill.; Alvah P., of this sketch; Samantha B., wife of F. H. Ballou; Elizabeth, who died June 12, 1852, at the age of eighteen years; and Mary A., who died December 4, 1867, at the age of thirty-one years, she being the first wife of F. H. Ballou. She left one son, William H.

Alvah P. Nelson was educated in the schools of his native town, and on reaching manhood adopted the business of his father, which he followed throughout the active period of his life, with the exception of a year passed in the service of his country during the Civil War, he having enlisted in September, 1862, as Captain of Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteers. He participated in the battle of Port Hudson, together with other memorable engagements, and, being disabled, was honorably discharged on August 14, 1863. Subsequent to his return home he continued to conduct business successfully in connection with farming. He owns a very fine farm, which is well improved, and possesses one of the most comfortable homes in the neighborhood.

On January 17, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Barber, who was born at Halifax, Vt., June 15, 1842, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Lucy (Nelson) Barber, of that town, her father having been born there on October 10, 1817, and her

mother at Colerain, November 9, 1816. Mr. Barber is a Republican in politics, and has been a member of the Board of Selectmen. He is also active in other official capacities, and is a Universalist in his religious views. They have had a family of four children, three of whom are now living, namely: Maria A., wife of Charles B. Denison, of Colerain; George A., a resident of Halifax, Vt.; and Mary A., who is the eldest. The other, Frank H. Barber, died at the age of twenty-one years.

Captain and Mrs. Nelson have no children. They are liberals in religion, and are socially very popular, having a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Captain Nelson is a Democrat in politics; and he is a comrade of Greenleaf Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Colerain. Many will recognize with pleasure the portrait of this stanch patriot on another page. Vain were the hope of the republic without its brave defenders:

.. Men — high-minded men —
Men who their duties know,
But know their rights, and, knowing, dare maintain!"

CHRISTIAN F. SCHUSTER, professor of music, residing in Greenfield, Franklin County, is a gentleman of talent and culture, occupying a high position among the musical celebrities of Western Massachusetts. He was born in New Prussia, near Leipsic, Germany, in 1826, son of Adam and Louisa (Lipold) Schuster, his father being a farmer in very comfortable circumstances. They reared a family of five children, but he was the only one to come to America; and one son and two daughters are still living in the fatherland.

Christian F. Schuster inherited in a marked degree the musical ability native to his par-

ents; and special attention was early paid to its development, his entire time for four years, which he spent in Altenburg, being devoted to the study of music. Among the other musical instruments on which he learned to play was the trombone, in order that, if drafted into the army, he might join the band. At the age of twenty-two years he came with the Germania Band to the United States, making the voyage in a sailing-vessel, and being thirty-five days on the ocean. Of the thirty-five members of the band who came over at that time only two besides Mr. Schuster are now living, namely: Herr Eckhart, a noted musician of St. Paul, Minn.; and Professor Eichler, formerly leader of the Germania Band in Boston, now living in that city, retired from active pursuits. Mr. Schuster is still hale and hearty, young for his years. He has always devoted himself to the teaching of music, both instrumental and vocal, paying special attention to voice culture, teaching in public schools, and giving private lessons. For some years after coming to this country Mr. Schuster remained with the Germania Band; and he was the first person to play the trombone solo in the city of New York, making his appearance in the old tabernacle on Broadway. He subsequently joined the Italian Opera Company of Philadelphia, belonging to it for some time, and afterward settled in Brattleboro, Vt., and while there played the organ in the Congregational church every Sunday.

Mr. Schuster was first married in Brattleboro, Vt., in 1854, to Lizzie Brown, a daughter of Addison Brown, whose widow is still living in that place, an intelligent and active old lady of ninety-two years. Mrs. Lizzie B. Schuster died in 1860, leaving four children, of whom two died when young, the living ones being Paul, who is cashier of the Forest

City National Bank, of Rockford, Ill., and is married; and Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Twitchell, of Dorchester, Mass. Mr. Schuster was again married in 1865 to Augusta R. K. Jonas, who was born in Kleine Heilsbach (one hour's ride from Frankfort-on-the-Main), Germany, and of this union three sons and one daughter have been born, namely: Christian, Jr., who resides in Holyoke, Mass., is married, and has one child; Carl, a pianist; Franz, who is in the newspaper business; and Alma, a very interesting and bright young lady, living at Holyoke, Mass., with her brother.

Politically, Mr. Schuster is an adherent of the Democratic party, although taking no active part in local affairs. He is held in the highest respect throughout the community, where he has hosts of friends, with never a known enemy, and, with the exception of his unfortunate collision with a highwayman, has had a most happy life. At that time he very narrowly escaped death, being horribly cut and bruised about the head and face, from the effects of which he was long unconscious and his life despaired of for twelve days, during which he suffered much, both from the nervous shock and the physical injuries.

RANSOM S. FOSTER, a prosperous and well-known farmer of Leyden, Franklin County, was born in this town, February 9, 1826, son of Ezra and Nancy (Smith) Foster. His grandfather, Ezekiel Foster, who was a native of Connecticut and son of an English settler in that State, removed when a young man to Bernardston, Mass., where he married, and settled down to farming, which he followed in connection with hunting and fishing; for at that time the woods and streams abounded in

game and fish of various kinds. In 1782 he came to Leyden, and here spent his last days. He was a patriot soldier of the Revolution. Ezra Foster, the eldest son of Ezekiel Foster, was born in Bernardston, September 21, 1779, and was therefore about three years old when his parents removed to Leyden. He received a good practical education in the schools of this town, where he afterward engaged in agricultural pursuits, and became a prominent citizen. He was chosen by his townsmen to fill various offices of responsibility and trust, that of Selectman among others; and he also served as a Captain in the State militia.

Ransom S. Foster, who was reared to the vocation of a farmer, received a practical education in the district schools, and in addition to his agriculture has engaged in carpentry and wagon-making. The old Foster homestead, where he now resides, was willed to him. It comprises one hundred and fifty acres of productive land, and on it is one of the oldest houses standing in Leyden to-day. Mr. Foster was married February 18, 1852, to Miss Climena Frizzell, who was born in Leyden, April 19, 1828, daughter of Rufus and Sabra (Wells) Frizzell. Her father was born October 6, 1793, being the son of Reuben and Anna (Squires) Frizzell, the former of whom died January 20, 1818, aged forty-seven years, and the latter June 16, 1844, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Rufus Frizzell was successfully engaged in the trade of a carpenter, which he followed in conjunction with farming in Leyden, where he resided up to the time of his death, July 20, 1867. His wife, Sabra Wells Frizzell, was born June 11, 1793, and died December 6, 1845. She bore him six children, of whom Mrs. Climena F. Foster is the only survivor.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Foster has been blessed by the birth of seven children —

one son and six daughters — all of whom grew to maturity; and five are living to-day. A brief record follows: Mary C., wife of Henry Potter, of Brattleboro, Vt., died in her twenty-seventh year; Sara S. Foster died at twenty-one years of age; Lottie L. is the wife of Frank J. Allen, of Greenfield, Mass.; Nora H. is the wife of F. A. Cowan, of Natural Bridge, N.Y.; Nancy S. married Dr. D. Griffin, of Lynn, Mass.; Frank R. Foster lives on the old homestead; and Lilia E. Foster was educated in the State Normal School in Salem, Mass., and is a school-teacher.

Frank R. Foster was educated in the schools of Leyden, and for a time was engaged in teaching school. Since his return to the old homestead he has successfully devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, and is to-day classed among the rising young farmers of the town. In politics he is a supporter of the Republican party, and for three years has served on the School Committee, a position he is well qualified to fill, as he takes especial interest in educational matters. He is also an active and prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. In political affiliation Mr. Ransom S. Foster is a Republican, and in religious belief is a Universalist. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Foster's whole life has been spent in the community where he now resides, and of which he is a useful and highly respected citizen.

LEVI J. GUNN, a prominent manufacturer of Greenfield, was born in the village of Conway, June 2, 1830. His father, Levi Gunn, was born at Montague in 1793, and was a son of Levi Gunn, Sr., a farmer in that town, who died in the prime

of life, leaving a wife and three children. Grandfather Gunn's widow, whose maiden name was Mary Jewett, afterward married a Mr. Hale; and this last union was blessed with three children, Mrs. Hale dying in Montague, at an advanced age. Mr. Gunn's father followed the trade of blacksmith, residing in the towns of Conway and Buckland. In 1814 he married Delia Dickinson, of Whately, Mass.; and they reared a family of eight children — two sons and six daughters — of whom six are now living. Levi Gunn, the second of the name, died at Conway in 1862; and his widow, who long survived him, departed this life in 1881, aged eighty-eight years, both having been active to the last.

Levi J. Gunn attended the schools of his native town, where he obtained a fair education; and he also acquired in his youth some knowledge of his father's trade. At the age of eighteen years he abandoned that calling, and entered the employ of a manufacturer of carpenters' tools at Conway, from which place he came to Greenfield about the year 1853. Here he continued in the same business until 1864, when, in company with Charles H. Amidon, he commenced the manufacture of clothes-wringers, the firm conducting a successful and profitable business for a period of ten years. At the expiration of this time a stock company was formed, with a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of developing and carrying on an enterprise for the manufacture of hardware specialties, consisting of carpenters' and other mechanical tools, their factory being located at Miller's Falls. Mr. Gunn has held the position both of treasurer and manager of the company since its organization, his energy and capability having been the means of establishing and maintaining a large and very successful trade, their annual production

being greatly in excess of its former amount, and requiring the services of two hundred workmen.

On October 5, 1853, Mr. Gunn married Miss Esther C. Graves, of Sunderland, daughter of Cephas and Miranda (Church) Graves, who were both natives of that town. Her father, who was a prosperous farmer, died in 1847, aged fifty-four; and his widow was called to rest in 1865, aged sixty-six years. They had a family of eleven children, ten of whom lived to reach maturity; one, Allen, a farmer, now resides upon the parental homestead of his wife; another, Elias, is a resident of Oshkosh, Wis.; and a third, Royal C. Graves, resides in Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Gunn have one son, Levi Walter, a graduate of the Greenfield High School, who married Sybella Eastman.

The family attend the Congregational church, of which Mr. Gunn is a member of the Financial Committee, and for the past fourteen years have occupied a most pleasantly situated and comfortable residence, surrounded by giant elms, at 24 Main Street — a delightful home. Mr. Gunn is a Republican in politics, and has served two terms as Assessor and Selectman. He was for two years a State Senator, and served a similar length of time as a member of the Governor's Council. He is a stockholder in the Greenfield Savings Bank.

HENRY S. RANNEY, an honored and respected citizen of Ashfield, is noted as being, both in point of age and time of service, the senior incumbent of the office of Town Clerk in Franklin County. He was born in Ashfield, Mass., March 5, 1817. His paternal grandfather, George Ranney, was born at Chatham, Conn.,

January 9, 1747. In 1780, after his marriage with Esther Hall, he came to Ashfield, and bought one hundred acres of wild land, which now constitutes the farm owned by Charles Howes. He cleared a large portion, erected good buildings, and, while establishing a home and rearing a family, acquired a competency. He was a stanch adherent of the old Whig party, but held no political office. With his wife, his religious associations were with the Congregationalists. She died at about middle age, and he at the age of seventy-five years, leaving seven children; namely, Samuel, Jesse, Joseph, Hannah, Esther, Anna, and George.

George Ranney, Jr., was the youngest child born to the pioneer household, his birth occurring May 12, 1789, on the Ashfield homestead, which he afterward inherited, and managed with skill until 1832. Then, selling his property, he removed to Phelps, N.Y., where, with the exception of one year, during which he was engaged in the lumber business in Michigan, he carried on general farming until the time of his decease, at the age of fifty-three years. He married Achsah Sears, who was born April 11, 1789, and died August 7, 1869. They reared nine children, as follows: A. Franklin, George L., Henry S., Lucius, Priscilla M., Harrison J., Lyman A., Lemuel S., and Anson B.

Henry S. Ranney, the special subject of this brief record, was educated at Sanderson Academy, and worked on the home farm until the age of fifteen years, when he accepted a position as clerk with S. W. Hall, one of Ashfield's most enterprising merchants, afterward occupying a similar position in the store of Jasper Bement. He later formed a copartnership with Richard Cook; and they opened a store of general merchandise, in which they carried on a substantial business for five years.

Selling his interest here, Mr. Ranney next went to Boston, where he was engaged in a mercantile business with George C. Goodwin for four years. Returning then to the scenes of his childhood, he was employed as a clerk for a time with Joseph Bement, a son of his former employer, but soon went into business at the old stand with S. W. Hall. In the month of April, 1851, he sold out his interest in the store, and bought the property in the village known as the John Williams Hotel, which was built in 1792 by Zachariah Field, and by him used as hotel and store. This property Mr. Ranney has always kept, though not using it as a public house. He has entirely remodelled it, arranging the rooms for tenants, having six tenements besides the portion which he himself occupies, often entertaining transient guests. In 1857 he bought sixty acres of land near by, and until 1885 successfully carried on general farming in connection with a variety of official business.

In 1839 Mr. Ranney was chosen to the office of Town Clerk, and since that time has filled the office forty-eight years. On March 18, 1851, he was appointed by Governor George S. Boutwell Justice of the Peace, and has since performed the duties connected with the office in a most faithful and satisfactory manner. He has the courage of his convictions, was an early antislavery and Free Soil voter, and is to-day an independent Republican in politics, voting for the man and measures most desirable and fit. He has been prominent in the management of local and State affairs, and, besides serving various terms as Selectman and Assessor, he has twice served as Representative to the legislature, having been elected in 1852, and again in 1868. He has ever taken an especial interest in promoting the educational and moral advancement of his native town, and has served

as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Sanderson Academy for forty years, having been President of the Board one-half of that time. He has long been one of the most active and esteemed members of the Congregational church here, holding the office of clerk.

Mr. Ranney has been twice married. His second wife, whom he espoused on June 26, 1856, and who died on August 25, 1890, was Julia A. Bassett, a daughter of Francis Bassett. The maiden name of his first wife, to whom he was united June 20, 1844, was Maria J. Goodwin. She died in 1855, at the age of thirty-three years, having had four children: the eldest, Ralph H., born March 16, 1845, married Rosa S. Bassett, and died in 1876, leaving her a widow with two children — Raymond R. and Clara M.; Ella L. Ranney, born September 24, 1847, died in 1874, leaving her husband, Albert W. Packard, and two children — Austin G. and Ella M.; Clara M. Ranney, born August 2, 1851, died in 1859; and George G., who was born May 22, 1853, lived but four months.

HENRY C. WILLARD, a pharmacist of large experience, carrying on a substantial business at Greenfield, a gentleman of intelligence, enterprise, and social prominence, was born in this town in 1836, but has spent much of his mature life elsewhere, having returned to his native place in 1890. He is a descendant of an early settler of Greenfield, his father, David Willard, a son of Beriah Willard, having been born here in 1790. David Willard was a merchant and one of the extensive land-owners of Greenfield, and exerted a strong influence in advancing its business interests. He married Miss Sarah Dickman, a daughter of Thomas

Dickman, noted as being the editor and publisher of the first paper established in Western Massachusetts, and the first postmaster at Greenfield. They reared a large family of children, of whom the subject of this brief biographical notice was the eighth child and the fourth son in order of birth.

Henry C. Willard received his elementary education in the public schools, and this was supplemented by a complete course of study at Fisk Academy. At the age of sixteen years he began to learn the business in which he has since been continuously employed, becoming clerk in a drug store at Hartford, Conn., where he remained four years. The following three years he was employed in the same capacity at Pittsfield, Mass., returning thence to Greenfield, where he was similarly engaged another three years. In 1865 Mr. Willard, in company with Mr. Clark, established a drug store at Brattleboro, Vt., and under the firm name of Clark & Willard had carried on a very successful business for some ten years when a disastrous conflagration destroyed their store and its contents. Mr. Willard subsequently engaged in business by himself in Brook House Block, where he remained a score of years, removing from there to Great Barrington, Mass., having the leading drug trade of that place during the succeeding three years. In 1890 Mr. Willard gave up his store in Great Barrington to come to Greenfield to take charge of the drug business and the estate left by George Hovey, the deceased husband of his sister, Nancy M. Willard Hovey.

On June 1, 1870, while a resident of Brattleboro, Vt., Mr. Willard was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Mary Field, of that city. She is the descendant of a distinguished New England family, being a daughter of the Hon. Charles T. Field, and



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a cousin of the well-known and talented writer, Eugene Field, of Chicago. Her mother was a daughter of General Martin. Of the two children born of their happy union one son died in infancy; and their other son, David Willard, is a Senior at Trinity College, where he is preparing for the Episcopal ministry. In his political views Mr. Willard has the courage of his convictions, and, although formerly a Republican, has been an adherent of the Democratic party since 1872. He is quite advanced in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar, in which body he has served as Senior Deacon. He and his family worship at the Episcopalian church, of which they are communicants.

JOHN D. MILLER, whose portrait meets the eye of the reader on the opposite page, one of the most enterprising and best-known citizens of Colerain, was born in this town, January 22, 1842. He is a son of Hugh B. and Mary Young (Drury) Miller, both natives of Colerain, his mother being now a widow. His paternal great-grandfather, William Miller, was of Scotch descent, but born in the north of Ireland, and was one of the numerous immigrants to this country known as Scotch-Irish.

Robert Miller, son of William, passed the whole of his life in Colerain; and there his son Hugh B., the father of Mr. John D. Miller, was born on September 16, 1813. He was engaged in his youth in lumbering, also conducting a farm, and was a shrewd business man, successful in all he undertook. In politics Mr. Hugh B. Miller took an active interest, and belonged to the kindred parties of that time, being successively a Whig, a Free Soiler, and a Republican. He was elected to fill many public offices, being State Constable

for seven years, Representative to the legislature from his district in 1859-60, and again in 1866. He also was prominent in town affairs, being Assessor for twenty years, Justice of the Peace for twenty-seven years, and Trial Justice for some time. The greater part of his life was spent in Colerain Centre. He died August 1, 1885. His wife, Mary Y. Drury, who was born October 12, 1814, is now the oldest resident in the village. They had five children, namely: May Bolton, who died when four years old; Susan R., born January 12, 1836, now the widow of Newton Smead, and living in Colerain; Nancy E., born January 10, 1839, the wife of John L. Clark, of Elm Grove, Colerain; John D.; and Robert, born May 28, 1849, a resident of Colerain.

John D. Miller grew to manhood and was educated in Colerain. He sought his fortune in the city, engaging first in trade in milk and baker's goods in New York and Brooklyn, in the employ of J. A. Lincoln, afterward carrying on the same kind of business in his own name, going from New York to Jersey City. In 1868 or 1869 he returned to his native town, and here engaged in various enterprises, farming being his principal industry. He has a farm of about two hundred and forty acres, and besides this property owns real estate in the village. Mr. Miller is also in business with C. A. Marcy, who has a large trade in carriages and farm wagons, carrying in stock vehicles of every description. In fact, he is the sort of man that only America can produce — one who can turn his hand to anything, and make all he undertakes a success.

Mr. Miller was married on December 20, 1871, to Mary E., daughter of Lysander and Mary R. Brownell, both now deceased. Mrs. Mary E. Miller died January 2, 1890, leaving

three children: Sadie D., Hugh B., and Marian R. Marshall R., twin brother of Marian, died in his eleventh year. Mr. Miller is a Republican, and is quite prominent in local politics. In 1883 he was chosen Representative for the Fifth Franklin District, which includes Northfield, Bernardston, Leyden, Heath, and Colerain; and in town he has served as Assessor, off and on, since 1873, as Collector for several years, holding that office at present, and as Constable. He is Director and Agent of the Franklin County Mutual Insurance Company, and is also connected with the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Quincy.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MILLER, late a leading citizen of Colerain, was born here on February 10, 1816, and was a son of Robert and Nancy (Bolton) Miller, natives of the same town. On the paternal side he was of the sturdy race known as Scotch-Irish. William Miller, the first of the family to settle in Colerain, came to this country from the north of Ireland in the early part of last century. William Miller removed to Franklin County from Stow, Middlesex County, about 1740 or 1745, at a time when the country was sparsely settled, and the home of every hardy pioneer was a miniature fortress. The forests abounded with wild animals and with equally wild savages; and the roads made by the settlers were chosen with the greatest care, in order to avoid ambuscades.

Indian Spring, on the Miller farm, is so called from an incident which aptly illustrates the chances of the time. A settler who had lost a cow was seeking for the missing animal near this spring, guided by the sound of a bell which she had worn about her neck, when he caught sight of an Indian gliding

among the trees and underbrush and ringing the bell, which he had taken from the cow, to lead the white man to sudden death or captivity and torture. Quickly raising his gun, the pioneer fired, and the Indian dropped near the spring. William Miller first settled where Mr. Arthur Smith now resides, spending there three seasons. He then moved to what is called the Milo Sprague place, and there spent the remainder of his life, prospering in worldly affairs, and taking a prominent part in town matters. He passed away on December 9, 1785, at the age of eighty-five. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Wallace, was of the same lineage as William Wallace, the Scottish patriot. Her span of life covered nearly a century, reaching its termination on March 28, 1794, she being then over ninety-nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. William Miller were Congregationalists, and attended service at the little church which stood near the Old Cemetery, the oldest burial-place in this vicinity.

Their son Robert, the grandfather of George W., succeeded to the farm, and on it spent his life, winning a good livelihood from the products of the soil, and taking an active part in town affairs. In politics he was a Whig, and he attended the Congregational church. He was twice married, his first wife being Margaret McClellan, a native of Colerain. She died in 1790, at the age of fifty-two, leaving eight children: William, Thomas, Robert, David, Martha, Mary, Jane, and Margaret or Peggy. On April 26, 1791, Robert Miller married Martha (Richey) Smith, widow of Thomas Smith. The second Mrs. Miller, who was a native of Peterboro, N.H., daughter of William Richey, one of the earliest permanent settlers of that town, died July 28, 1849, aged ninety. She also was a member of the Congregational church. Of this union

four children were born — John, Peggy, Annie, and Washington — who all lived to marry and raise families.

Robert Miller, the younger, was born and bred in Colerain, and spent part of his life on the homestead, carrying on general farming. After his marriage to Nancy Bolton, he moved to the part of the Miller estate which lies opposite Mr. Michael Johnson's residence; and there the ten children born of the union grew to adult age. They may here be briefly named, as follows: Minerva, wife of Amos Bardwell; Nancy, wife of Abel Shattuck, and later wife of David Jillson, of Whitingham, Vt.; Robert, who married Celia Lyons; Margaret, wife of Nathan Hoskins, of Jericho, Vt.; Elizabeth, the only survivor of the family at present, wife of Harry Hoskins, of the same place; Jane T., wife of Asabel Snow; Hugh B., who married Mary Drury, the latter now a widow, residing in Colerain; George W.; Joseph W., who married Helen Thompson and later Caroline Blakesly; and John M., who died, unmarried, at the age of thirty-one.

George W. Miller was eleven years old when his father died; and, after the boy had acquired what book learning the district school afforded, he took up the pursuit of agriculture, buying in 1841 the farm now held by the family. It covers three hundred acres, and is a valuable piece of property. On this farm is the site of the first store opened in the town, which was kept by the Chandler brothers; and the residence was built by the Chandlers in 1791, and, though over one hundred years old, is still in good condition, and admirably suits its pleasant environment. Mr. Miller was a thrifty and successful farmer, and made many improvements in the place. A Democrat in politics, he served as Selectman for some time, besides holding

minor offices. He belonged to the Colerain Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and, like his father and grandfather, was a Congregationalist in religion. He died at the home farm on December 9, 1891.

Mr. Miller was twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united August 31, 1837, was Sylvia Shattuck, who was born September 11, 1815, and died on February 20, 1853. Six children were born of this union, only one of whom, Benjamin F. Miller, survives. He resides in Colerain, his home being just south of the old Miller place; and by his wife, whose maiden name was Eugenia Eddy, has three children: Frank Mowry, George Leroy, and Grace Peet.

On September 7, 1853, Mr. Miller was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Miller) Shearer, a native of Shelburne, born May 26, 1822. Thomas Shearer, who was born in Colerain, July 14, 1791, was a well-educated man, and taught school for some time, but spent the greater part of his life in agricultural pursuits. He died January 31, 1841. His wife, Margaret (Miller) Shearer, was born in Colerain, April 14, 1793, and died on March 1, 1863. Mr. Shearer was a member of the Universalist Society, and Mrs. Shearer belonged to the Congregational church. They had eight children, all of whom grew up; but at the present time Mrs. Miller is the only one living. She is the mother of two children: S. Adelle, born March 4, 1856, wife of William Rickett, of Derby, Conn., and mother of three children — Tessie, Henry, and William Percy; and Helen M., born October 10, 1866, wife of William Apt, who lives on the home farm with Mrs. Miller, and has three children — Albrow, M. Russell, and Dora Mildred. Mrs. Elizabeth Shearer Miller is one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of Colerain, and

her retentive memory is stored with interesting facts relative to the history of the town.

FRON. CHESTER C. CONANT, a prominent resident of Greenfield, and Judge of Probate for Franklin County, was born at Lyme, N.H., in 1831. His father, Colonel Jonathan Conant, was born in the same town in 1793, and was a son of Josiah Conant, who moved to Lyme from Bridgewater, Mass., where he was born in 1768. Jonathan Conant, father of Josiah, was born at Bridgewater in 1734. He served through the entire struggle for independence; and, although he fought in the battle of Brandywine, and endured the hardships of the memorable winter at Valley Forge, he survived the many dangers and vicissitudes of the war, and died at Orange, Vt., in 1820.

Judge Conant is a lineal descendant of one of the oldest Colonial families. The immediate progenitor of his great-grandfather was David Conant, who was born at Beverly, Mass., in 1698, and one of whose sons, William Conant, 2d, was the first settled minister at Lyme, being pastor of the Congregational church for a period of forty years. David was a son of William Conant, born at Beverly in 1666, whose father, Lot Conant, was born at Nantasket in 1624, and was a son of Roger Conant, a Church of England Puritan. The father of Roger was Richard Conant, who was born about 1548 at East Budleigh, England, where Sir Walter Raleigh was born in 1552, whence it follows that they must have been boys together in the same village. Roger Conant, whose birth occurred at East Budleigh, England, in 1592, is supposed to have been a passenger on board the "Ann," which arrived at Plymouth in the month of July, 1623. He erected the first house in Salem,

where he settled, afterward being appointed Governor of the colony, an office which he filled for several years, until superseded by Governor Endicott. While residing at Nantasket, he made use of the island in Boston Harbor, then called Conant's Island, now known as Governor's Island. He was a grandson of John Conant, who was born near East Budleigh about the year 1520. The eminent divine, the Rev. John Conant, D.D., Archdeacon of Norwich, England, 1676, was a nephew of Roger Conant.

Judge Conant's paternal grandmother was Betsey Sloan, daughter of John and Esther Sloan, of Palmer, Mass., and later of Lyme, N.H., where they were the first settlers. Their tombstone, which now stands in Lyme (N.H.) churchyard, records their ages — each as ninety-six years. The ceremony of the marriage of Josiah Conant and Betsey Sloan was observed in 1788. The former was accidentally killed by a falling tree in 1801, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving three sons and four daughters. Judge Conant's father, Colonel Jonathan Conant, married in 1820 Clarissa Dimmick, daughter of Samuel Dimmick, of Lyme, and one of a family of twenty-one children. Her paternal grandfather was present at the siege of Louisburg.

Colonel Conant served in the War of 1812. He was by trade a contractor and builder. Of his family of eight children Lucy died at the age of eighteen, and Samuel at seventeen years. The others became heads of families, but are now deceased, with the exception of Judge Conant and his brother Josiah, the latter being a resident of Thetford, Vt., where he follows agriculture, and has been several terms a member of the Vermont legislature. Dr. David Sloan Conant was an eminent physician and surgeon and a professor at Bowdoin College, Vermont University, and the New

York Medical College. He was a volunteer surgeon at the battle of Antietam, and died at New York in 1865, aged forty-five years. Abel B. Conant, the youngest brother, was surgeon of the Fourteenth Kentucky Loyal Regiment, and passed some time in captivity at Libby Prison. He died of diphtheria a short time after his discharge from the army, aged twenty-seven years, while preparing to fill a professorship at the University of Vermont. Judge Conant's mother died in 1842; and his father, in 1863, at the age of seventy years.

Although Chester C. Conant began life by following his father's business, being at the age of eighteen years competent to assume charge of building operations, he preferred to enter professional life, and accordingly pursued a full course at Dartmouth College, where he was graduated with the class of 1857. He also graduated from the Albany Law School two years later, was admitted to both the New York and Massachusetts bars the same year, and afterward to the bar of the United States Supreme Court. He opened an office at Greenfield in company with the late Judge David Aiken, continuing in partnership with that gentleman for a period of four years. The partnership which he formed in 1877 with his nephew, Samuel D. Conant, still continues, the firm conducting a large law practice.

In politics Judge Conant has always been a Republican. In 1863 he was elected Register of Probate and Insolvency for Franklin County, to which office he was re-elected in 1870; and he now holds the position of Judge of Probate and Insolvency, having been appointed in September, 1870. Judge Conant was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago in 1882, and was also a Presidential elector from Massachusetts the

same year. He has served upon the School Committee of his town, his knowledge of building making him of especial value to the town during the erection of the high school. He is also an active member of the Episcopal church, having been superintendent of the Sunday-school for a period of thirty years.

On June 14, 1860, he wedded Miss Sarah B. Howard, a childhood acquaintance, who died July 17, 1889, leaving two daughters—Charlotte H. and Martha P.—who are both graduates of Wellesley College. The former, in company with a classmate in college, now conducts a school at Natick, Mass., where young ladies are prepared for Wellesley and other colleges for women; and Martha has received the post-graduate degree of A.M. from that institution. On October 18, 1892, Judge Conant married for his second wife Miss Emily H. Haven, only surviving daughter of John P. Haven, late of New York City, formerly a publisher of religious literature. Mrs. Conant is a graduate of the celebrated school of the Misses Draper, late of Hartford, Conn.

WILLIAM L. BOUTWELL, a very enterprising and successful young farmer of Leverett, son of Samuel W. Boutwell, was born January 20, 1858, upon the farm where he now resides. His home is very near the farm on which his grandfather, Levi Boutwell, who was a native of Fitzwilliam, N.H., settled in early manhood. Grandfather Boutwell carried on his farm for many years, later moving into the village, and passing the sunset of his life with his children, who tenderly cared for him until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-four years. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church and the father of a large family.

Samuel W., the second-born child of his parents, was reared to agricultural labors; but, directly after completing his education in the district schools and at the Shelburne Falls Academy, he began the work of life by teaching in the schools of Leverett and the adjoining towns. Later he received as a gift from his father the very desirably located farm adjoining the old homestead, and here he has since resided. Always a very active man, he attended to the many arduous duties which fall to the lot of a farmer until the year 1885, since which time his son William L. has relieved him from care and labor, so that he is now passing his declining years in the enjoyment of a quiet and well-earned retirement. He married Harriet D. Prescott, daughter of Luther Prescott, of Montague, where her family were early settlers and highly respected citizens; and this union has been blessed with but one child—William L. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Boutwell, although well advanced in years, are still well preserved mentally and physically. They are attendants of the church at North Amherst.

At the age of fourteen years William L. Boutwell commenced a two years' course of study at the New Salem Academy, preparatory to entering Amherst Agricultural College, from which he was graduated in 1878. He then returned to the parental roof, and assisted his father in carrying on the farm until assuming entire charge, as above stated, since which time he has conducted the farm with an energy and push which plainly demonstrates the fact that he is well qualified, both by scientific knowledge and natural ability, to make farming a pronounced success.

In 1882 he was very happily married to Sarah E. Bangs, of Leverett, one of the family of six children of Howard and Judith (Cutter) Bangs, her father, who was a native

of Hadley, now deceased, having been a prosperous farmer in Leverett. Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell have one child, named Estella Mirabel. Mr. William L. Boutwell is a Republican in politics, and is active in all public affairs of the town, having served as a member of the Board of Selectmen and as Overseer of the Poor; and he has rendered valuable aid to the town as a member of the School Board during the past eight years. In agricultural affairs he has been prominent, having been Secretary of the Hampshire County Agricultural Society for three years, and for a number of years a member of the Executive Committee; he also has been a Trustee of the Franklin County Agricultural Society for several years past. Mr. and Mrs. Boutwell are attendants of the church at North Amherst.

FRANCIS A. CADY, who, at his beautiful home in Ashfield, is enjoying the rest and recreation earned by his many years of useful activity, is numbered among the prominent and valued citizens of Franklin County, being a man of solid worth, possessing in an eminent degree those traits that command respect in the business world, and gain esteem among one's neighbors and associates. He was born in the town of Stafford, Conn., March 20, 1818, at the home of his parents, Garner and Susanna (Johnson) Cady.

Garner Cady was born in Connecticut, and there reared to agricultural pursuits, becoming an extensive and prosperous farmer. He also carried on a profitable business in quarrying stone on his farm, which he sold for use in blast furnaces, deriving a good income therefrom. Energetic and enterprising, he was one of the foremost citizens of his locality, both in business matters and in local public affairs. In politics he was a staunch Demo-

crat, and, besides serving in various town offices, was Representative of his district to the State legislature several terms. He was a sincere and esteemed member of the Universalist church, and after a well-spent life of eighty-six years came to his grave

"Sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust."

To him and his wife, who died in 1824, twelve children were born; namely, Phineas G., Alanson N., Andrew J., George F., Gideon H., Hannah, Garner, Jr., Isaac, Francis Augustus, Alfred D., Elvira, and Marietta S. Of these, Elvira, who married A. Blodgett, and is now a bright and active woman of ninety-three years, is the mother of thirteen children, three of whom are well-known physicians.

Francis A. Cady was left motherless when a little lad of six summers, and for the following ten years he was cared for in the home of an uncle. After being well trained to habits of industry, honesty, and thrift, he started out in the world for himself, his first employment being that of clerk for S. Gaylord, of North Adams, Mass. While thus employed, he practised a wise economy; and, when he reached man's estate, he had saved enough money to enable him to open a small country store in North Adams, making a modest beginning, but gradually enlarging and extending his trade. Ten years later Mr. Cady disposed of his store, and entered into the real estate business, buying and selling lands and lots, erecting houses, which he sold or rented; and he is to-day the owner of several valuable houses in North Adams. In addition to all this, he also for a short time carried on a thriving business in the manufacture of bricks. On May 1, 1892, Mr. Cady removed to Ashfield, purchasing a house, which he has en-

tirely remodelled and fitted with modern conveniences, making it, with its well-graded, grass-covered lawn, one of the finest in the village. Mr. Cady also owns a valuable farm in the town of Ashfield; and on this he has some choice stock, being a great lover of fine horses and cattle, and taking pleasure in having them well cared for.

The marriage of Mr. Francis A. Cady and Miss Hattie Marie Graves, daughter of Ebenezer and Persis R. (Whittiam) Graves, of Ashfield, took place on December 9, 1885. They have one child — a daughter — Frances Marie, the date of whose birth was June 29, 1887. Mrs. Cady, who is a woman of refinement and culture and an accomplished musician, is held in high esteem by her large circle of warm friends; and the pleasant home over which she presides is an attractive social centre. She is an active and valued member of the Congregational church. (For ancestry see following sketch of Ebenezer Graves.) Mr. Cady is a man of great intelligence and capability, one who thinks for himself, perfectly independent in politics, voting for measures most beneficial to the general public, and in religion is of the liberal type of believers.

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EBENEZER GRAVES, farmer, a well-known and esteemed resident of Ashfield, is the third in direct line who has borne this name in Franklin County. He was born in Charlemont, December 11, 1830, son of Ebenezer and Nabby W. (Mantter) Graves, who were married in 1821, and who moved to Ashfield in 1831. They were the parents of five children — a daughter, Harriet, who was born in 1827 and died in 1831, and four sons, the subject of this sketch being the only survivor. His brother William, born in 1823, died in 1849, and James,

born in 1837, died in 1862, both unmarried; Addison, born September 25, 1833, died January 15, 1867, leaving a wife, Helen M. Eaton Graves, and three sons—Charles B., a physician in New London, Conn., a graduate of the Harvard Medical School, James M., and Addison—all now married.

Ebenezer Graves, second, was the eldest son of Ebenezer and Olive (Flint) Graves, who were married on February 13, 1794, by the Rev. Eliab Stone, in the North Parish of Reading, Middlesex County, Mass., their native place. The wedding trip was a journey of several days on an ox sled, with their worldly effects, to Charlemont, Franklin County, where they arrived on February 21. They were doubtless welcomed to that far off western settlement by the family of an uncle, Josiah Upton, who had removed thither in 1778, and had died in 1791. But the newcomers soon had a home, and in a few years a family of their own, eight children being born to them; namely, Ebenezer, Olive, Eliza, Addison, Sally, Daniel, Mary, and Harriet. The father, Ebenezer Graves of Reading North Parish and Charlemont, was a son of Daniel and Sarah (Upton) Graves, brother of Captain Daniel Graves, and grandson of Daniel and Martha (Coats) Graves, who removed to the North Parish of the old town of Reading from Lynn about the year 1727. The first Daniel was a great-grandson of Samuel Graves, a farmer and a man of means and influence, who settled in Lynn in 1630 or near that date.

It may here be mentioned in passing that there were others of this name who crossed the Atlantic in early Colonial times, and settled in different parts of the country. A genealogy of the various branches of the Graves family in America is now (1895) in course of preparation by General John Card

Graves, of Buffalo, N.Y., a gentleman of scholarly tastes and acquirements, and skilled in the art of research, who has devoted much time and money to this species of historic investigation.

Mrs. Sarah Upton Graves, wife of the second Daniel, was a daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Goodell) Upton, and was a descendant, in the fourth generation, of John Upton, the progenitor of the New England family of Uptons. (See "Upton Family Records," an elaborate genealogical work, by Judge William H. Upton, of Walla Walla, Wash., great-grandson of Josiah Upton, above named.) Through his grandmother, Mrs. Olive Flint Graves, Mr. Ebenezer Graves of Ashfield may claim descent from two other early settlers of Massachusetts, among whose posterity have been numbered many distinguished names: Thomas Flint, of Salem, as early as 1650; and John Putnam, who with his three sons—Thomas, Nathaniel, and John—came from England, and settled in Salem in 1634.

Ebenezer Graves, second, died April 27, 1864. His wife, Nabby W., died December 26, 1878. Their son Ebenezer, named at the beginning of this brief record, married on December 31, 1855, Persis R. Whittiam, who was born in Leicester, October 15, 1830, daughter of Jeremiah and Diana (Doane) Whittiam. Her paternal grandparents were William and Hannah (Fitts) Whittiam, the former of whom came from Maine, and settled first in Oxford, Mass., where he married, later removing to Leicester; and her maternal grandparents were Reuben and Hannah (Slayton) Doane. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Graves are: Hattie M., born October 11, 1856, now Mrs. Cady (see sketch of Francis A. Cady); and Dana L., born May 21, 1860, who married December 31, 1885, Florence Shaw. Dana L. Graves is a farmer

in Ashfield. He and his wife have three children, as follows: Alonzo Shaw Graves, born March 22, 1887; Nelson Dana, born September 17, 1892; and Eliza, born October 4, 1894.

As noted above, the Graves family of Ashfield are of staunch New England stock, descendants of early settlers of the old Bay State. Industrious, upright, law-abiding, church-going people, in comfortable circumstances, social, and hospitable, they well exemplify the sterling traits of their ancestors. Mr. Ebenezer Graves has a pleasant home in a retired part of the town, the farm being under the efficient management of his son Dana L., he himself, more inclined to mercantile than to agricultural pursuits, holding a position with Belding & Co., silk manufacturers, as travelling salesman.

CONRAD H. GALE, a successful manufacturer and dealer in lumber, stands prominent among the rising young business men of Orange. He is a native of Franklin County, having been born May 14, 1864, in Warwick, son of Appleton and Mary E. (Conant) Gale. His great-great-grandparents, David and Elizabeth Gale, who removed to Warwick from Sutton, Worcester County, were the parents of seven children; namely, David, Alpheus, Jesse, Huldah, Olive, Judy, and Mercy. David, second, son of David and Elizabeth, married Mary Eddy; and the following children were the fruit of their union: John, Harvey, David, Levi, Horace, Elsie, Abigail, Rhoda, and Philana.

David Gale, third, grandfather of Conrad H., was a farmer, living and dying in Warwick, on the place where he was born, March 15, 1795. He fought in the War of 1812, and was a man of some note in the town,

which he served as Selectman. His wife, to whom he was united in October, 1818, was a native of Orange, Mass., born December 1, 1799, just thirteen days before the death of Washington. Her maiden name was Augusta Goddard. They were married in Orange, and made their home in Warwick, becoming the parents of thirteen children, six of whom attained adult age; namely, John G., David, Appleton, William H., Charlotte, and Elvira. John G. was twice Representative in the legislature of the State, and held various important town offices for a number of years. William H. was also Representative, serving one year, and for years acted as a town official in various capacities.

Appleton Gale, third son of David and Augusta (Goddard) Gale, was born in Warwick, May 21, 1829. In his younger days he worked at boot and shoe making. Twenty-five years ago he purchased a saw-mill and grist-mill, and has been extensively engaged in the lumber business ever since. Always honest and upright in his business dealings, and taking an active interest in the welfare of his town, he is a very popular man, and has been twice nominated for Representative, but, belonging to the minority party, has failed at the polls. He was one of the foremost workers for the town hall in Warwick, doing all in his power to insure its erection. He married February 14, 1861, Mary E. Conant, who was born in Warwick, February 25, 1837, daughter of Josiah and Rhoda (Gale) Conant, and the following children blessed their union: Conrad H.; Ernest A., deceased; Julia M.; Abby R.; and David J., deceased.

Conrad H. Gale was educated in Warwick and Ashburnham, completing his studies at Cushing Academy. In the latter place he afterward began his career as an instructor of youth. He presided at the teacher's desk five

years in all, his last position in that capacity being in the Northfield grammar school. In 1891 Mr. Gale purchased the Holden saw-mill and shop in Tully, and since that time has conducted a large and prosperous business. He has bought wood lots in different sections, and cleared them, manufacturing the timber into lumber, which he sells; and he also does a large amount of custom sawing. Recently he has engaged in the manufacture of wooden boxes, and he now expects to send out the greater part of the stock in his shop in the form of manufactured products instead of rough lumber. A man of his business enterprise and progressive spirit necessarily occupies an influential position among the citizens of any community; and, although Mr. Gale is not active in politics, his business interests engrossing his entire attention, he has served one term of three years on the School Board, and has recently been elected to the same position for another term.

On August 20, 1889, Mr. Gale was united in marriage to Miss Irene E. Gibbs, a daughter of Henry and Sophia (Temble) Gibbs. Henry Gibbs was born June 27, 1838. He is a son of William L. and Elizabeth (Spear) Gibbs, and the grandson of Jesse and Abigail (Leonard) Gibbs, and comes of a race of practical and progressive agriculturists. He is now a resident of the town of Orange, having bought the L. Ward farm in 1876, and is a well-to-do member of the farming community. In his younger days Mr. Gibbs learned the trade of painter; and, after following that a while, he carried on a successful grocery and bakery business in Orange for several years. He is a stanch member of the Republican party in politics. In Masonic circles he is prominent, being Master of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Gibbs was married January 1, 1862, to the daughter of Isaac Temble,

who bore the following children: Jennie S., born October 3, 1862, who married Kirk E. Gilson, and has one child — Luetta S.; and Irene E., Mrs. Gale, born June 1, 1867, in Canaan, N.H. Mrs. Gale's parents removed to Orange when she was a young child; and in that town she received her education, graduating from the high school in 1886. She taught school for three years before her marriage.

Of the happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Gale two children have been born: Conrad David, whose birth occurred December 16, 1890; and Rena B., born June 25, 1894, whose earthly existence was very brief. Mr. Gale stands high in his town as a man of ability, enterprise, and upright dealing. He is liberal in his religious views and prompt in the support of whatever, in his opinion, is calculated to advance the moral and material welfare of the community. Socially, Mr. Gale is a valued member of Harmony Lodge of Northfield, Mass., A. F. & A. M., and of Crescent Chapter of Orange.

CHARLES W. HOSMER, clerk and paymaster of the Montague Paper Company, established at Turner's Falls, Franklin County, Mass., a well-known resident of this village, was born at Saxton's River, Vt., April 7, 1855. He is the son of Joseph B. Hosmer, born in the town of Gill, in this State, and grandson of Eldad Hosmer, a native of Vermont, who carried on the carpenter's and joiner's trade in connection with farming. Later Grandfather Hosmer removed to Gill, where in 1805 he purchased a farm, and built a house, in which he spent his last years.

Joseph B. Hosmer, his son, was brought up to the trade of woollen manufacturing, and



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later took the position of superintendent in a woollen-mill at Saxton's River, which he held twenty years. His death occurred in that town, at the age of forty-six years. He was a Republican in politics, and firmly devoted to party principles. The maiden name of his wife was Lorintha Walker. She was one of seven children of Bliss Walker, and was born in Wardsboro, Vt., where her father, who was a farmer, lived and died. Her mother died in Wells, Me. Mrs. Hosmer spent her last years at Saxton's River, dying there at the age of forty-five years. She was a member of the Congregational church. The children of Joseph B. and Lorintha W. Hosmer were as follows: James E., who died at the age of nineteen; William, a druggist of Turner's Falls fifteen years, and later a resident of Clinton, Conn., where he died, at the age of thirty-six years; and Charles W., of Turner's Falls.

Charles W. Hosmer was but nine years old when his mother died, and was only eleven when his father also passed away. He then went to Factory Village in Greenfield, where he made his home with his father's sister, attending school during the winters until he was fourteen, when he went to Wells, Me., and lived three years with his mother's sister, still attending school. Returning now to Turner's Falls, Mr. Hosmer joined his brother in the drug business, in which he continued about two years. For the last twenty years, or since 1875, he has been engaged as clerk and paymaster with the Montague Paper Company, an honorable record of fidelity and efficiency.

In January, 1876, Mr. Hosmer was married to Miss Sarah L. Miller, daughter of Justice Miller, of Waterford, Conn., where she was born, and where her father is still living and conducting a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hosmer

are parents of four children, as follows: Flora L., who was graduated with honors from the Oakman High School, and is now a teacher in Turner's Falls; Joseph W.; Charles Irwin; and Charlotte L.

Mr. Hosmer is a Republican in politics. He has held the position of clerk of the Fire District three years, has been a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters two years, and was Assessor one year, being elected in 1877. Mr. Hosmer has also served for some years as one of the Selectmen of his town, and has been chairman of the Board since 1891. In 1876 he joined the Masons of Bay State Lodge, and in 1878 became charter member of Mechanics Lodge of Turner's Falls, of which, having held the preliminary offices, he is now Past Master. He is also treasurer of the Unitarian Society of Turner's Falls, Mrs. Hosmer being a member. A man of much general intelligence and of good business capacity, Mr. Hosmer is a prominent resident of Turner's Falls, and with his family holds the respect of the community with which he has been so long identified.

HENRY AUGUSTINE HOWARD, a prominent citizen of the town of Colerain, formerly in the boot and shoe business, now extensively and prosperously engaged in farming, is a native of Franklin County, having been born May 2, 1842, in Buckland. His paternal grandfather, Moses Childs Howard, was a well-known citizen of Colerain, following the trade of a tanner and shoemaker, and was also Deputy Sheriff of the county for many years. He settled here before his marriage, and was an industrious and hard-working man, but did not accumulate much property. He married Keziah Purrington, daughter of a pioneer of

Colerain; and they reared a family of six children, of whom Sarah E., the wife of J. B. Clark, of Colerain, is the only one living. The deceased are: Emily A., Seth Childs, Henry A., Anna C., and Leonora A. The father was a Democrat in politics and a Universalist in religion, while his wife was a member of the Baptist church.

Seth Childs Howard was born in 1822 in Colerain; and he always claimed this town as home, although he lived in various places. He was a talented musician, one of the most skilful violinists of his day, and in the pursuit of his art was connected at times with the leading theatres of the country, being often in New York City and in Boston during the theatrical season. He died at the early age of thirty-eight years, at Hornellsville, N.Y. His wife, Almina M. Barnard, was born September 15, 1821, in Shelburne Falls, where she now resides. Only one of their two children is now living; namely, Henry Augustine, the subject of the present sketch. His sister, Helen Marion, who was born in 1840, married Cordenio H. Merrill, of Shelburne Falls. She died in 1893.

Henry A. Howard grew to manhood in Colerain, making his home with his paternal grandfather, and obtaining his early education in the public schools, afterward attending a select school. On September 5, 1862, he enlisted in defence of his country, becoming a member of Company B, under Captain Alvah P. Nelson, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and was engaged in the battle at Indian Bend and in the siege of Port Hudson. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he was honorably discharged, August 14, 1863; and the following year he re-enlisted, joining the Second Massachusetts Light Artillery, under Captain Marlan, and afterward being transferred to the Sixth Massachu-

setts Light Artillery, with whom he served until the close of the war, when he was again honorably discharged, in June, 1865. Returning to Colerain, Mr. Howard engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes at the old Howard homestead, formerly belonging to his paternal grandfather, and which was the first piece of real estate to come into his possession. Here he remained for nine years, when he sold out, and removed into the village of Colerain, where he was engaged in the boot and shoe business for several years. In 1880 Mr. Howard moved to his present farm; and four years later he purchased the property, and has since devoted himself to dairying and general farming, paying special attention to the raising of fruits. His farm contains two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land, and is improved by a comfortable and commodious residence and convenient buildings for successfully carrying on his enterprises.

On August 24, 1864, Mr. Howard was united in marriage with Helen M. Snow, of Colerain, a daughter of Asaph W. and Jane T. (Miller) Snow, both natives of Franklin County, Mr. Snow having been born in Heath, where he learned his trade of a carpenter and joiner, though in his later years he was a farmer; and Mrs. Snow was a native of Colerain. Mrs. Snow was a member of the Congregational church, and her husband was a Democrat in politics. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Snow seven grew to adult life, and four are living to-day, namely: Robert M., of Greenfield; David W., of Colerain; Helen M., Mrs. Howard; and A. Leander, of Lafayette, Ga. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Howard has been blessed by the birth of three children, of whom we record the following: Clara C., born November 16, 1866, is the wife of Charles G. Fisk, of Springfield, and

has two children — Margaret H. and Marcus H.; Dean C., born November 11, 1870, was graduated from the Arms Academy at Shelburne Falls, and is now a surgeon in the regular army, located at Fort Snelling, Minn., where he married Myrtle Baldwin, of Toledo, Ohio; and James H., born March 3, 1874, lives at home.

Mr. Howard is a steadfast and loyal Republican, and is quite active in the management of local public affairs, has been Collector of Taxes nine consecutive years, for seven years was a member of the Board of Assessors, besides holding minor offices in the town, and at the present time is a member of the Board of Education. In 1894 Mr. Howard was chosen to represent the Fifth Franklin District in the legislature. He is a regular attendant of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Howard is a consistent member. Socially, he is a member of the Mountain Lodge of Shelburne Falls, A. F. & A. M., and also belongs to the H. S. Greenleaf Post, No. 20, of Colerain, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Howard is likewise a member of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society, of which he was President for two years.

A portrait of this public-spirited citizen is happily included in the present collection of Franklin County worthies.

PHILLO T. LYONS, a well-to-do farmer, an expert machinist, and an engineer, living on a beautifully situated farm in the town of Orange, is a wide-awake, practical man of business and an esteemed resident of this section of Franklin County. The date of his birth, which occurred in Greenfield, Mass., was December 21, 1848. He comes from honored ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Dr. Joel Lyons, hav-

ing been one of the most noted and successful of the old-school physicians. He removed from Colerain to Gill, in this county, where he purchased a farm, on which his six sons — Alvin, Samuel, Joel, John, Benjamin, and Charles D. — were reared, and where he lived until an advanced age.

Charles D. Lyons, the father of him to whom we specially refer in this short narrative, was born in Gill in 1817, and was there educated. When a young man, he went to Greenfield, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, at which he worked for many years. Having a decided musical talent, and being very ambitious, he made a thorough study of music, being mostly self-taught, and became one of the most noted violin players of this part of Massachusetts and a successful teacher of music. He married Elizabeth Temple, who was born in Deerfield, a daughter of Philo Temple, a farmer of that town, who there spent his threescore and ten years, being one of its most useful and respected citizens. Elizabeth was one of four daughters born to him and his wife, the others bearing, respectively, the names of Frances, Angeline, and Eunice. Mrs. Elizabeth T. Lyons is still living in Greenfield, a widow now for several years, her husband having joined the silent majority when but sixty-six years of age. He was a man of sterling qualities, rich in the virtues that win love and respect. In politics he was a strong Republican, and he and his wife held to that form of rational Christianity which has been termed Channing Unitarianism.

Philo T. Lyons acquired the elements of his education in the public schools of Greenfield, afterward completing his studies at Powers Institute in Bernardston. He began the battle of life on the farm of his grandfather, which he worked for a few years. He

had, however, a natural aptitude for the mechanical arts; and, in order that his talent might be developed, Mr. Lyons, on attaining his majority, went to Fitchburg, Mass., and for a while was employed in the railway repair shops. He was next engaged as a fireman on the locomotive, and later as an engineer, in which capacity he was retained for nineteen years, being one of the most worthy and trusted employees of the company. To him was given the honor of running a train through the Hoosac Tunnel on the first day it was opened to the public; and he also assisted in celebrating that memorable day in Greenfield when the new railway was opened for traffic, running the first passenger train into that city.

Becoming tired of railroad life, Mr. Lyons resigned his position in September, 1891, and bought the T. Rice farm in Orange, containing one hundred acres of land, finely located at the south end of North Pond, it being one of the pleasantest and most valuable estates in the locality. He remodelled the buildings, and in 1892 came here to live; and, notwithstanding he has never married, he has one of the most comfortable and attractive homes to be found. He is constantly adding to the many improvements of the place, among other conveniences having a stationary engine, with which he saws wood, grinds feed, runs a turning lathe, a circular saw, etc. He is a practical agriculturist, and in the management of his farm he invariably finds his labors crowned with success. For the past three years Mr. Lyons has had charge of the pumps used in the Orange water-works, his former experience making him a most desirable person for this position. He has the courage of his convictions both in political and religious matters, being independent in the former, and very liberal in his interpretation of creeds

and dogmas. Socially, he is active and influential in Masonic circles, belonging to the Greenfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

ROBERT M. COOMBS, one of the foremost farmers in Colerain, was born in this town on March 5, 1853, son of William and Sarah (McClellan) Coombs. His grandfather, Jonathan Coombs, was born on March 8, 1769. In early life he sold tinware in the Southern States; but later coming into possession of a farm in Colerain through his wife, Elizabeth McCrillis, he engaged in its cultivation up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1853. Elizabeth McCrillis was born on August 2, 1774, and was a member of one of the first families of Colerain, a race of well-to-do farmers. Of her union with Jonathan Coombs six children were born — three sons and three daughters — one of whom, Betsey E., widow of Smead Hillman, is living to-day, residing on the estate which was the birthplace of her brother William, the father of Robert.

William Coombs was born in Colerain, July 17, 1810, and early took up the duties of agricultural life. He bought in 1852 the farm now tilled by his son. This farm, then called the Andrew and John Smith place, was laid out in 1736, and was one of the first established in the town. William Coombs was a well-read man, of broad views and good judgment. He voted the Republican ticket, and held office in the town at various times, serving as Selectman for several terms. He died at his homestead on July 2, 1880, at the age of seventy. His wife, who was born June 12, 1817, died on November 9, 1866. Mr. Coombs's religious views were strictly Orthodox, though he did not belong to any church. His wife was a member of the Congregational

church. They had six children, two of whom died in childhood. Three are living to-day, namely: Jane E., born May 4, 1848, wife of J. D. Purinton, of Seward, Neb.; Edwin W. and Robert M., both born March 5, 1853, farmers in Colerain. Henry W., who was born in September, 1849, died at the age of twenty-nine. Edwin W. Coombs lives on a farm adjacent to that of his twin brother. He married Flora, daughter of Allen and Olive (Underwood) Burrington, who live on a farm in Colerain, and has three children: Mabel, William, and Evelyn Coombs. Politically, Edwin W. Coombs is a Republican. In religion he holds liberal views, and his wife is a Congregationalist.

Robert M. Coombs attended the district school at Colerain in boyhood, and put his hand to the plough early in life, helping about his father's farm. To-day he owns the homestead, which is one of the best farms in this part of the town, the extreme south end, the land being well adapted for raising crops, also affording fine pasture for the stock which make up Mr. Coombs's dairy. The house in which he resides, and which was built in 1875, is the fourth dwelling erected on the estate, the first having been made of round logs, and the second of logs hewed and fitted. This house is substantial and homelike; and the place, with its nearly two hundred acres of land, is one to be proud of.

On February 22, 1892, Mr. Coombs was married to Ella P., daughter of Reuben J. and Nancy (Thompson) Donelson, who reside on a neighboring farm in Colerain. Mr. and Mrs. Coombs have two children: Ruth Donelson, born July 27, 1893; and John McClellan, born March 30, 1895.

Politically, Mr. Coombs is a Republican. In town affairs he takes a prominent part, and is now serving his sixth term as Selectman.

He is a worthy scion of the old families from whom he is descended—the McCrillis, the Coombs, and the McClellan—an interesting account of whom is found in the History of the Town of Colerain, by Charles McClellan, who now resides in Troy, N.Y. Mrs. Coombs, also, is of honorable descent; and the records of the Methodist church, to which she belongs, bear many names prominent in her family.

WALTER P. MAYNARD, an ice dealer in Greenfield, Mass., is an active and enterprising business man, devoting his time and energies to his work. Although young in years, he has had a varied experience in life, but has been uniformly successful in the most of his undertakings. He is a native of the Granite State, having been born in 1866, at Keene, where his father, the late Prentice A. Maynard, was born in 1833. The latter was a son of Alonzo Maynard, who was for many years a resident of Keene, where he departed this life in 1850. His wife, whose maiden name was Crissana Britton, bore him four children—two sons and two daughters.

Prentice A. Maynard was a locomotive engineer, highly esteemed by his employers and associates, his early death, at the age of thirty-six years, being sincerely deplored. He married Martha Cook, a daughter of John Cook, of Ashburnham, Mass., but who moved to Missouri many years ago, and died at upward of fourscore years of age at St. Louis. Their union was solemnized in 1860, and they became the parents of two children: Walter P., the subject of this brief biographical sketch; and Jennie F., the wife of C. S. Bishop, of Fitchburg, and Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association. The mother subsequently married again, becoming

the wife of A. J. Williams, of Keene, and has two children born of that union.

Walter P. Maynard has been essentially the architect of his own fortune, having left school at fourteen years of age to earn his living, beginning his career as a milk pedler in the town of his nativity. He subsequently engaged in the bakery business for three years, and was afterward for a time an employee of the American Express Company. His next employment was as a salesman in an agricultural implement, tool, and grain store, an occupation in which he continued until 1887, when he came to Greenfield to engage in the ice business with his brother-in-law, Arthur O. Wheeler. In 1889 Mr. Maynard bought out the interest of his partner, and has since carried on the business without financial help, putting up about five thousand tons per annum for himself, and an equal amount for other parties. During the summer season he keeps seven men in constant employment, his trade being very large, and increasing each year. Mr. Maynard is also quite a property owner, being proprietor of a three-hundred-acre farm, and keeping from eight to ten horses and fifteen or twenty head of cattle.

On the 5th of September, 1884, being then but eighteen years old, Mr. Maynard assumed the responsibilities of a married man, being united in bonds of matrimony with Gertrude A. Wheeler, of Northfield, a daughter of E. O. and Louisa (Brown) Wheeler, and a niece of John Wheeler, the prominent manufacturer of the New Home sewing-machines. This estimable woman, who is of the same age as himself, is a most devoted wife and an affectionate mother to the two bright children born of their union: Walter L., now in the eighth year of his age; and Beth L., two years younger. Politically, Mr. Maynard is

a strong advocate of the principles of the Democratic party; and, socially, he is a Mason, being a member of the Connecticut Valley Commandery, Knights Templars. Since his residence in Greenfield he has won an assured position in business circles, being a man of sterling worth and character, full of energy and determination, and possessing that stability of purpose that is bound to bring success. He is a typical specimen of the sturdy sons of New Hampshire's granite hills, standing full six feet in height, straight and well proportioned, and weighing two hundred and fifteen pounds.

JOEL BURT, a prosperous farmer of Sunderland, was born in Westhampton, Hampshire County, Mass., August 3, 1824, son of Levi and Betsey (Hale) Burt. Mr. Burt's great-grandfather, David Burt, was born February 12, 1723, and died December 17, 1793. He reared a family of five children, of whom Grandfather Joel Burt was the fourth-born. The latter, who was a native of Northampton, born May 24, 1759, owned a farm in Westhampton, upon which he resided until his death, which occurred on November 21, 1841. For more extended information in regard to the early history of the family the reader is referred to the genealogy published by Mrs. Elizabeth Burt, of Warwick, Mass., in 1891.

Levi Burt, the father of our subject, was born in Northampton, May 18, 1791. He resided with his parents until his majority, and, after working out by the month for a time, purchased a farm in Westhampton, which he cultivated successfully, also operating a saw-mill, an enterprise which was attended with profitable results. He was an active, energetic man, an extensive stock-

raiser, and at one time owned over one thousand acres of land. He took an active part in local and State issues, was Representative from his district to the General Court upon the Republican ticket, and a Captain in the State militia. He died November 25, 1871, at the age of eighty years. Levi Burt married a daughter of the Rev. Enoch Hale, who was for fifty-six years pastor of the Congregational church at Westhampton, where he died at an advanced age. Mrs. Levi Burt became the mother of seven children, three of whom are living, namely: Joel, the subject of this article; Susan T., who married R. W. Clapp; and George, a resident of Westhampton. Mr. Burt's parents were attendants of the Congregational church. His mother, who passed her declining years with him, died at the age of eighty years.

Joel Burt received his education in the district schools and at the Southampton Academy. In early manhood he purchased a farm at Westhampton, which he cultivated with satisfactory results until 1873. He then sold his farm, and, after residing a year at Florence, Mass., purchased his present home in Sunderland, where he has resided for the past twenty-one years.

On August 11, 1853, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Edwards, of Westhampton, daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Ludden) Edwards. Samuel Edwards, who was a native of Westhampton, was prominent in his locality, serving some time as a Selectman of the town, and was a Representative to the General Court. He died at his own home, at the age of eighty-three. Mrs. Burt's mother was a daughter of Deacon Asa Ludden, of Williamsburg. She died at her home in Westhampton, at the age of sixty-nine. They were attendants of the Congregational church, of which the mother was a member.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt have had three children; namely, Bessie R., Enoch Hale, and Francis Lyman. Bessie R. Burt died at the age of twenty-two years, two months, and twenty-three days. Enoch Hale Burt graduated from Amherst College in 1882, and, after pursuing a course at Yale Theological Seminary and a post-graduate course at Andover, Mass., entered on the active work of the ministry, preaching at Armada and Cadillac, Mich., and finally settling in West Winfield, N.Y. He married Emily Meekins Arms, of Sunderland, daughter of the Rev. W. F. Arms, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Hiram Arms, D.D., a well-known clergyman, who was born in Connecticut. Mrs. Burt was born in Turkey, where her father was engaged in missionary work. The Rev. Enoch Hale Burt and his wife are the parents of three children; namely, Emily Rose, Lillian Sarah, and Katharine Isabel. Francis Lyman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt, wedded Emma F. Smith, of Sunderland, adopted daughter of N. A. Smith, and resides with his parents. He has one daughter, Frances Hale, born July 4, 1895.

Mr. Burt is a Republican in politics. He served as Selectman in Westhampton three years, and acted in a similar capacity in Sunderland for six years, also serving as Overseer of the Poor. He is a member of the Congregational church, as is Mrs. Burt also, who is prominent in the church societies, a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

PHILIP TRAVER, an esteemed resident of Greenfield, who has been associated with the manufacturing interests of this place for more than twoscore years as a leading contractor and builder, and

is now retired from active business, was born April 5, 1822, in the town of Schodack, Rensselaer County, N.Y., son of John and Mary (Pulse) Traver. He is of German ancestry, his paternal grandfather, John Traver, Sr., having emigrated from Germany to New York, locating in Dutchess County, where he married a Miss Pulse. The Travers are connected with the Van Rensselaers, having intermarried with that family in several cases.

John Traver, Jr., the father of the subject of this brief sketch, was the only son and one of two children born to his parents, his birth occurring in Dutchess County in 1806. He served in the War of 1812, and subsequently settled in Rensselaer County, New York, buying a farm in the town of Schodack, and taking as a life companion Miss Mary Pulse. He was a millwright and wheelwright by trade, having learned from his father, and during the last years of his life worked at the carpenter's trade. Mr. Traver was at one time quite well-to-do, but met with reverses, losing most of his property. Thirteen children were born into his household, of whom nine sons and two daughters grew to adult life. Three are now living, namely: James, who is probably living in the South; Catharine, the widow of B. Burnham, who resides in Schodack; and Philip, the subject of this sketch. The mother died in her seventieth year, at Greenbush, N.Y., and the father five years later, at the age of seventy-four years.

Philip Traver was the twelfth child born to his parents, and was early obliged to care for himself, leaving home, after a very meagre schooling, when but a boy of twelve years. He began to learn the carpenter's trade at Valatie, Columbia County, N.Y., five years later, and in 1850 removed to Holyoke, Mass., where he spent two years. In 1852

Mr. Traver located in Greenfield, and, being industrious, energetic, and of excellent judgment, soon found plenty of work at his trade. In fulfilling his contracts, he was always particular as to the minutest details; and his work always stood the test of time. For some five years he was in company with H. C. Emburg, and for twelve years was a partner of Gilbert E. Jones. The remainder of the time Mr. Traver has been alone in business. Some of the principal buildings of Greenfield have been built under his superintendence, notably the Newell Snow residence on Main Street, the Pond, Hollister, and Hovey Blocks, and the east extension of the Mansion House. The town hall, built in 1852 or 1853, soon after he came here, was one of the first important pieces of work of his construction.

In 1844 Mr. Traver married Matilda Vosburgh, of Valatie, N.Y., a daughter of Everett Vosburgh, and a sister of Stephen Vosburgh, of Greenfield. She passed to the higher existence in 1880, in the fifty-seventh year of her age, joining their infant son in the spirit land, and leaving four children, of whom we record the following: William is a resident of Greenfield; Alice is the wife of A. W. Green, an undertaker and furniture dealer; Inez married Clayton L. Smith, and has two sons; and Edgar is a carpenter, married, and living in Boston.

In politics Mr. Traver affiliates with the Republican party. He and his estimable wife were formerly supporters of the Presbyterian church, though neither was connected with it by membership; and for the past fifteen years he has been an investigator of the doctrine of the Spiritualists, being closely identified with the little band of that denomination in this place. Mr. Traver has a pleasant home at 31 Congress Street.

MRS. FANNY A. FAIRCHILD, who resides at her pleasant home on Sunderland Street, in Sunderland, was born at Shutesbury, an adjacent town in the southern part of Franklin County, and is the daughter of James B. Prouty, a native of Massachusetts. Her grandfather, Richard Prouty, who was born at Scituate, in this State, moved to New York, where he settled upon a tract of land in Queens County, and was there engaged for several years as a farmer, but finally returned to New England, and passed his declining years with a daughter in North Leverett.

James B. Prouty after attaining his majority worked upon farms in Sunderland by the month, later engaging in the manufacture of chairs, which he continued to follow for several years in conjunction with farming, and eventually settling down upon the old homestead, where he died, at the age of eighty-five years. He married Florilla Graves, daughter of Elijah Graves, who was a farmer in this vicinity and an early settler in the town, and they became the parents of two children, namely: a son, Frederick A.; and a daughter, Fanny A., now Mrs. Fairchild. The mother passed her latter years with her daughter, and died at the age of sixty-seven years, having been a member of the Congregational church, as was also her husband. Mrs. Fairchild's father was a Republican in politics, and served as Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Assessor for some years.

Fanny A. Prouty was united in marriage to Lewis W. Fairchild in 1856. She has lived in Sunderland since her infancy. Her husband's father, Curtis Fairchild, a native of Virginia and a tailor by trade, followed that occupation for some years in Sunderland, where he died, at the age of seventy. He wedded Miranda Clapp, a native of Deerfield,

who became the mother of eight children, namely: Edwin; Amanda, who married Dennis Gage, of Athol; Lewis; Edward B., now of Stoneham, Mass.; John M., now a resident of California; William Henry; Edice M., deceased, who married John Ball, of Athol; and Charles A., who died in the army. The mother died at Sunderland, aged forty-seven years.

Lewis Fairchild passed his boyhood in Sunderland, and at the age of sixteen or eighteen years commenced work as a painter, a calling which he followed until after his marriage, when he moved to Worcester, where he followed the employ of A. J. Johnson as a travelling agent in the map business, going South, and spending his first winter in visiting different sections and his second year in the city of New Orleans. He handled maps successfully for three years, and then became interested in the sale of an atlas, with which he was also very successful for a period of three years, at the termination of that time receiving from his employers the appointment of general agent, a position which placed him at the head of a large number of subagents. He also assisted in introducing many of Appleton's standard publications through the interior of New York State, his headquarters being at Utica. He was in the employ of that well-known house for some twenty-five years, subsequently engaging in the buying and selling of leaf tobacco, a business which he carried on extensively and with the most satisfactory results financially during the remainder of his life, his long and varied career being brought to a close November 24, 1890, at the age of fifty-nine years. He was enterprising and progressive, and, aside from being well known among business men, attained a position of prominence in his own community, serving for some years as Select-

man, and as a Trustee of the public library from the time of its organization. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and connected with the lodge at Greenfield for many years.

Mrs. Fairchild is the mother of seven children, who may be briefly mentioned as follows: Frederick L., a book-keeper for a boot and shoe firm, married Belle Chamberlain, and has two children, named Winifred B. and Dorothy; James P., a commercial traveller, married Mabel Hill, and has two children — Robert H. and Marion; William C., a farmer, married Etta Graves, and resides in Sunderland; Rollin E. married Eloise Town, and resides with Mrs. Fairchild; Emma F. wedded A. D. Smith, a farmer of Sunderland, and has one child — Marjorie; Lewis, Jr., is a commercial traveller in Maine; and Fanny, an assistant teacher in the Sunderland schools, resides at home. All in their childhood and youth received the tender care and wise training of an intelligent and faithful mother, and were well educated in the schools of Wilbraham, Williston, and Prospect Hill. The family attend the Congregational church, but are all Unitarians in belief.

JOSEPH PROCTOR FELTON, a practical farmer and also a dealer in meats, long time resident in Greenfield, is a man well known throughout a large part of the Connecticut valley. He was born August 19, 1824, in New Salem, Franklin County, Mass., which was the native place of his parents, Daniel and Fanny (Holden) Felton, his father having been born March 9, 1787, and his mother on November 3 of the same year. Stephen Felton, the father of Daniel, was one of the early settlers of New Salem, where he owned about sixty acres of

land, and followed the calling of farmer, being a hard worker. During the Revolutionary War he served as a soldier. He resided in New Salem until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty-four years old. His wife also lived to advanced age. They had twelve children, all of whom reached maturity, eleven of them marrying and raising families; but all of the twelve are now deceased.

Daniel Felton grew to manhood in New Salem, and became a merchant of that town, and was also a farmer and a pioneer school-teacher, having taught forty-five terms during his life. A man well informed and prominently identified with the affairs of his town, he served as Selectman for fifteen consecutive years, and as chairman of the Board of Selectmen for nine years. He owned a good farm in New Salem, but in 1839 he moved to Deerfield, where he also owned a farm; and here he remained till his death, which took place in 1868, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, to whom he was married in New Salem, died three years later than he, at the age of eighty-four. They reared six children, three of whom are now living, namely: Myra, the widow of Charles Hagar, and Lucetta, widow of Austin Foot, both residing in South Deerfield; and Joseph Proctor, who is the youngest of the family and the immediate subject of this sketch. The deceased are: Alvin, Franklin, and Fanny.

Joseph Proctor Felton, having received his education in the schools of New Salem, taught school for nine winter terms, and worked out at farming for two years, receiving thirteen dollars per month for six months of the year. He purchased his first farm of sixty acres in South Deerfield, it being one-half of his father's old farm. He occupied the place seven years, but sold out in 1855, and moved



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to Greenfield, where he bought a farm of two hundred acres in the north part of the town, and carried on a general farming business for about ten years. Selling that land in 1865, he then purchased the property where he now resides, at first a nice little farm of twenty-five acres, to which he has since added twenty acres. He has been a hard-working man in his day, successful in his business, and an active member of the Franklin Harvest Club for the last twenty years. He has also taken an active part in matters pertaining to the welfare of his town, serving eighteen years as a member of the School Board and three years as Deputy Sheriff of the county. In addition to his homestead of forty-five acres Mr. Felton has a second farm nearer the village, which contains one hundred acres. Besides his farming, he carries on what is probably the largest business of the kind in the county. He is a dealer in meats, and has killed as many as from eleven hundred to twelve hundred head of stock to supply the demands of his own market for one year, his establishment being the oldest of its kind in Greenfield.

April 28, 1847, Joseph P. Felton was married to Harriet Amanda Bridges, who was born in Deerfield, November 6, 1824, daughter of Jonas and Harriet (Ross) Bridges, both natives of Massachusetts. Mr. Jonas Bridges was born in Oakham in August, 1777. He married Harriet Ross, of Deerfield; and they lived on a farm in that town. Their children were: Antes Cleora, born in 1807, who married Jeduthan Eaton; Marianne, born in 1809, died in 1811; Frederick A., born in 1815, died in Boston in 1834; and Harriet Amanda, Mrs. Felton, the only one now living. Mrs. Harriet Ross Bridges was a daughter of Thomas and Eunice (Gunn) Ross, and grand-daughter of Samuel Ross, of Sterling,

and his wife, Katy Geary, of Lancaster, Mass. Mrs. Thomas Ross was a native of Montague. She and her husband had but two children, Harriet and Laurretta.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton have had six children, two of whom are now living, namely: Jennie Louisa, born in South Deerfield, June 13, 1850, now wife of Albert J. Smead, who carries on a meat market in Greenfield for Mr. Felton; and Frederick Bridges Felton, born at Greenfield, August 25, 1856, who is book-keeper in the market. The others were: Fannie E. Felton, born at South Deerfield, December 19, 1852, who died in 1868; Mary Ross Felton, born at Greenfield in October, 1859, died in September, 1865; George Franklin Felton, born in Greenfield in April, 1862, died December 25, 1892; Harriet May Felton, born in Greenfield in October, 1866, died in August, 1868.

Joseph Proctor Felton was formerly a member of the Guiding Star Grange of Greenfield, Mass., which was the first grange organized in the State. He was the first Master of this grange, and also the first Master of the State Grange. He and his wife were also actively identified with the National Grange. An excellent portrait of Mr. Felton will be recognized on another page of the "Review."

MOSES COOK, a retired farmer of Ashfield, spending the sunset of his life in the enjoyment of a leisure earned by years of persevering toil, was born in Ashfield, December 29, 1816. He is a son of Levi Cook, who was born at Hadley, Mass., in 1761, and traces his descent from Aaron and Sarah (Westwood) Cook, the former of whom emigrated from Dorchester, England, in 1630 to America, settling in Northampton, Mass., where he lived to the

ripe age of ninety years. Westwood Cook, the son of Aaron, was the great-grandfather of our subject. He married a lady named Joanna Cook, and their son Moses married Achsa Smith. Moses and Achsa (Smith) Cook were the parents of Levi, the father of our subject.

Levi Cook was reared and educated in Hadley, and there learned the trade of a harness and saddle maker. In 1786 he opened a harness-shop in Ashfield, building up a substantial business in the vicinity, and later invested a part of his savings in land, buying one hundred and fifty acres in the village. This he improved, erecting a new house and barn, and made it his permanent abiding-place, living until well advanced in years. He was a veteran of the War of 1812, and while in service had many hair-breadth escapes and unique experiences, his horse having at one time been tarred and feathered. In politics he was closely identified with the Democratic party, being one of its most influential official members, and serving for many years as Justice of the Peace, and for a great length of time as Postmaster, an office which has been held by the family for eighty-nine consecutive years, the present incumbent being a grand-daughter of the subject of this sketch. Mr. Cook was a strong Episcopalian, being one of the founders of the church of that denomination built in Ashfield in 1826. He was twice married, his first wife, whose maiden name was Achsah Smith, dying in the prime of life. She bore him ten children, as follows: Sarah, born August 22, 1786, who died in infancy; Sarah, born June 7, 1788; Achsa, who died in infancy; Rufus, born January 3, 1791; Achsa, born October 24, 1795; Levi, born January 7, 1797, who died in infancy; Levi, born August 1, 1798; Hannah, born December 29, 1800; Ralph,

born February 18, 1802; and Abigail, born June 25, 1805. After her demise he married Nancy Taylor, and of this union five children were born, as follows: Nancy, born November 19, 1807, who is now a resident of Hartford, Conn.; Richard, born August 29, 1809; Lucretia, born June 16, 1812; Harriet, born June 16, 1814; and Moses, whose name heads this article.

Moses Cook was educated for a mercantile life; and, after completing his studies at Sander-son Academy, he was engaged as a clerk in New York City with his brother Levi, with whom he was afterward associated as a partner for many years. The close confinement to business was injurious to his health, so much so that he was obliged to resign his position, and seek the invigorating air of the country. Returning to the pleasant town of his birth, Mr. Cook in 1853 bought the old homestead, which is one of the finest, in point of location and improvements, in the locality. In 1873 he sold the house and a portion of the land surrounding it to George William Curtis, who makes it his summer residence. On a part of the farm that he retained Mr. Cook built his present house and barns, and is here living in quiet ease and contentment.

The most important event in the life of Mr. Cook was his marriage with Minerva Howes, a daughter of Nathan and Nabby (Phillips) Howes. Their union was solemnized in 1842; and fifty years later, surrounded by their children, grandchildren, and many friends, they celebrated their golden wedding in a most joyous manner, the bride and groom being as young in heart, if not in years, as on that sweet day fifty years before. Of their three children we record the following: Mary A. resides in Boston, Mass.; Elliott W., now a resident of Cambridge, married Mary Holton, and they have two children — Winnifred

and Edith; and Sarah W. is the wife of Abbott L. Hall, of Cambridge, and has two children — Minerva and Howard.

No man has taken a deeper interest in the prosperity of Ashfield than Moses Cook, who has ever indorsed all worthy enterprises to promote its industrial, educational, and moral advancements, and has served most faithfully in the various offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. In politics he is a strong Republican, having been a supporter of the principles of the party since its formation. He is an active and worthy member of the Episcopal church, in which he has served as Senior Warden for many years. Throughout the entire community Mr. Cook is held in high regard, his strict integrity and trustworthiness in every position being recognized by all. Though nearing the eightieth milestone on life's journey, his faculties are as alert, his judgment as clear, and his mind as vigorous as in the days of his youth.

GILBERT E. JONES, of Greenfield, carpenter, contractor, and builder, is one of the substantial business men of Western Massachusetts. He was born in Deerfield, Franklin County, Mass., October 17, 1844, and is a son of Amasa Jones, who was born at Blenheim, N.Y., in 1815, and during the same spring was brought to Deerfield by his father, Israel Jones, who was afterward a resident of that village.

Israel Jones was a carpenter, and followed his trade the greater part of his active life. His work was much more laborious than that of the modern carpenter, as he lived before the time of modern improvements in the dressing of lumber; and in building he had to hew the timber for the entire frame. He married Eleanor Broderick, of Conway,

Mass., where their nuptials were celebrated in 1811; and the larger part of their wedded life was spent in Deerfield, where Mrs. Jones died in 1824, at the age of forty-four years. She reared four children — three sons and one daughter — of whom Charles Jones, one of the most esteemed citizens of Deerfield, is the sole survivor. Israel Jones subsequently married Cynthia, widow of Silas Atwood; and they reared one daughter. He lived to the age of seventy-five years, dying in 1862, and leaving a fair property, although he was not a man of wealth. Mr. Jones was a very intelligent man and remarkably well informed, having been educated for a physician.

Amasa Jones, the father of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and settled in Deerfield soon after his marriage, which occurred in 1836. He was a man of sterling character, respected as a kind friend, obliging neighbor, a devoted husband and father, and a public-spirited citizen. He passed to the higher life in August, 1877. His widow, whose maiden name was Nancy Bangs Robbins, still occupies the home farm. Mr. and Mrs. Jones reared a family of six children, of whom we record the following: Julius Wellington, a contractor, resides at Holyoke; Susan Amanda is the widow of George W. Jones, of West Deerfield; Gilbert E. is the subject of this short personal narrative; Almon A. is a contractor, residing in Holyoke; E. Jenner is a farmer, living on the old homestead; and Spencer A., a carpenter, resides in Greenfield.

Gilbert E. Jones grew to man's estate on the parental homestead, living there nearly a quarter of a century, and working a portion of the time at the carpenter's trade. He then started out with his saw and hammer, beginning his labors as a journeyman at two dollars and a quarter a day, and gradually increasing his price until he received three dollars and a

half per day. Five years later he established himself in business with Philip Traver in this city, and under the firm name of Traver & Jones carried on a good business in contracting and building for eight years. Mr. Jones then bought the entire plant, and, adding the manufacture and sale of lumber, has continued until the present time, having now one of the finest and most lucrative trades in the city. His office and shop are at 28 School Street. He has been very prosperous in all of his enterprises, and considers that he owes much of his success in life to his uncle, Charles Jones, with whom he spent several years of his youth, and whose influence and wise counsels were of inestimable value to him. He has accumulated a large amount of this world's goods, having dealt extensively in real estate the past ten years, and is the owner of seventeen tenement-houses and three shops within the city corporation, two excellent farms in Leyden, and a very valuable farm of three hundred and seventy-five acres at West Deerfield. He is a large-hearted, whole-souled, genial man, broad and liberal in his views, dominated by neither creed nor greed, and is the possessor of a strong and robust physique; and, notwithstanding that he braves the winds and weather of the changeable New England climate, often taking long drives in the coldest season without overcoat or mittens, is never sick and rarely weary, his constitution being as strong as that of the United States.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage January 5, 1869, to Elenora I. Eastman, of Deerfield, a daughter of N. H. and Eunice (Munsell) Eastman. She has passed to the bright world beyond, her death occurring in the beautiful month of June, 1887. Three children were born to her, one of whom, a daughter, Florence M., died at the age of twelve years.

The two living are: Marion B., fifteen years old; and Grace R., five years younger.

Mr. Jones has a pleasant home at 82 Chapman Street, where he has lived for twenty-six years, the house being of his own construction, very convenient and comfortable.

HENRY O. SCOTT, Postmaster at Lyonsville, a versatile and successful business man, was born November 10, 1839, in Colerain. He is the son of Henry A. and Mary A. (Call) Scott, the former a native of Bernardston, the latter of Colerain. Mr. Scott's great-grandfather on the paternal-side, Elihu Scott, was an early settler in Bernardston, where he owned a saw-mill. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and was fairly well-to-do. His wife's maiden name was Hannah Andrews. Their son Zora, grandfather of our subject, was born in Bernardston, and there spent the early part of his life in agricultural pursuits. In 1853 he entered the employ of the Griswold Manufacturing Company as all-around man, and in time became one of their most trusted employees. As old age crept upon him he resigned his position, and retired to a farm in Charlemont; and he passed away August 19, 1884, in Colerain, at the age of ninety-one. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Orvis, died August 22, 1877.

Henry A. Scott, the father of our subject, was born November 24, 1816. He has been engaged in various pursuits during his life, spending thirty-five years in the Griswoldville Cotton Mills, and is now engaged in the coal business and in farming, owning an estate of one hundred acres in Colerain. Mrs. Scott, the mother of Henry O., was born in Colerain, June 22, 1819, and died December 15, 1870. She was a model wife and mother,

devoted to the interests of her home and family. In politics Mr. Scott is a Republican. His wife was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he also attends. They had five children, two of whom have passed to the world beyond, namely: Zora W., born October 30, 1842, who died November 15, 1843; and Edwin W., born January 27, 1847, who died January 29, 1879. Henry O., our subject, is the oldest of those now living. Abbie O., born August 17, 1844, is the wife of Charles W. Billings, of North Adams. Zora L., born May 9, 1858, is clerk in a wholesale seed and hardware store in Syracuse, N.Y.

Henry O. Scott received his education in the schools of Colerain, Guilford, and North Adams, and entered the cotton factory at North Adams, Mass., when a boy of ten. He worked as a factory hand in various places, in 1856 moving to Lyonsville with his parents. Here he engaged as salesman on the road, selling crackers for a while, and later went into the teaming business, at one time having charge of all the teaming done between here and Greenfield. In this way he was employed for seven years, at the end of which he engaged in the manufacture of harnesses and livery findings in Lyonsville, the site of his business being the same as the one now occupied. At the start he erected a one-story building, twenty by thirty feet, putting in at first a line of tobacco and cigars in addition to his harness business. To this he has added little by little, until to-day he carries a complete line of the goods usually found in a general store. By his own unaided efforts he has built up a large business from a small beginning, and now has a flourishing trade. He is also engaged in the manufacture of palm-leaf hats, and has realized as much as three thousand dollars in a season from this

branch of his business. Mr. Scott has a small farm, which he cultivates for family needs; and his voice is often heard in public, encouraging the highest bidder, he being the town auctioneer.

On January 6, 1863, Mr. Scott was married to Mary A., daughter of Moses C. and Maria (Fuller) Goodnow, of Shelburne, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Scott have two children: Kate May, born April 20, 1865, wife of William T. Francis; and Ross D., born January 27, 1874. Mr. Scott's son-in-law and son are both employed in his store.

In politics Mr. Scott is a Democrat. He has been Postmaster of the town since the office was created, and he has also been Town Auditor since the creation of that office. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are liberal in religious views, and attend the Baptist church, in which he is organist and musical director. Mr. Scott is an accomplished musician, and has taught vocal and instrumental music for many years. He is the musical director of the local band (twenty pieces) which bears his name, and violinist and leader of the orchestra connected with it.

JASON MANN, a resident of the town of Montague, Mass., where he is well known as a manufacturer of various kinds of soap, was born in Richmond, N.H., July 17, 1839, son of Joseph Mann, a native of Richmond. His grandfather, who was a farmer, spent the chief part of his life in the same locality, dying there at an advanced age.

Joseph Mann, the father of Jason, was one of six children. He acquired a good education, attending the district schools and the academy, and taught for many years in the schools in the vicinity of Richmond, also carrying on the work of farming. His latter days were spent with his son Jason, at whose

home he died, at the age of eighty-nine. He married Miss Silence Newell, daughter of Benjamin Newell, a prominent farmer of Richmond, who held the office of Justice of the Peace. Mrs. Mann died at Richmond, aged sixty-four years. She and her husband attended the Universalist church. They brought up two children, namely: Jason; and Josephine M., wife of Brooks S. Merriam, of Little Falls, N.Y.

Jason Mann left his home at the age of fourteen, and later became an attendant in the Insane Asylum at Brattleboro, Vt., where he remained nine years. He then engaged in the manufacture of soap, still remaining in that locality. In 1862 he enlisted as Sergeant in Company B, Sixteenth Vermont Regiment, in which he served nine months. On receiving his discharge, he returned to Brattleboro, and took up his old business of soap manufacture. At the end of two years he went to Akron, Ohio, and two years later removed to Montague, where he now has a small farm, with dwelling-house, near which he carries on the manufacture of soap for local trade.

In 1861 Mr. Mann was married to Miss Lura A. Babcock, a native of Guilford, Vt., a daughter of Henry Babcock, of that town. She was born July 14, 1843, and was the youngest of four children. Her ancestry is traced back to Godfrey Babcock, who came from England, and settled in Deerfield, where during the Revolutionary War his house was burned by the British. He died in Deerfield in 1805. His son John married Eliza Hull; and their son Thomas married Esther Martindale, and settled in Deerfield. The latter couple had several children, only one of whom lived to rear a family of his own. This was Hull, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Mann. His son Harris, Mrs. Mann's grandfather, was

a farmer of Guilford. Her father, Henry Babcock, also was a farmer of Guilford. He died in Montague, at the home of his daughter, aged eighty years. His wife was Miss Elvira L. Baker, daughter of Peter Baker, a farmer of Guilford. Mr. Babcock reared four children, namely: Amanda, widow of Clark Stark, of West Brattleboro, who has two children—Willard and Minnie; Ellen; Baxter; and Lura, wife of our subject. The mother died at her daughter's home, at the age of seventy-six years. She was a Methodist in religious belief. Mrs. Mann's childhood days were passed in Guilford. When sixteen years of age, she went to Brattleboro to live, and spent seven years as attendant in the Brattleboro Insane Asylum. After her marriage (in 1861), she travelled as general agent in the interest of a patent system of dress-cutting, her business requiring journeys through the States of Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New England. The length of her engagement—fifteen years—is ample proof of her capacity and business ability.

Mr. Mann is a Democrat in his political views, and takes an active interest in town affairs. He has filled the offices of Selectman and of Overseer of the Poor three years each. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity of the town, and has been some time connected with the Grand Army of the Republic, and Commander of the Post four years, besides filling other offices. His wife is a member of the Orthodox church.

JOHN GEORGE YETTER, an active and prosperous dry-goods merchant of Greenfield, Mass., stands in a foremost position among the prominent business men of the city, having attained this place by the exercise of good judgment and a close applica-

tion to the details of his trade. He is of German birth, having been born January 18, 1851, in Weilheim, State of Balingen, Württemberg, a son of Conrad and Margaret (Hoelle) Yetter.

Conrad Yetter spent the larger portion of his brief life in the Fatherland, emigrating to America and locating in Massachusetts in 1852. He was a weaver by trade, and while in Germany was employed as overseer of the weaving-room in a factory. He settled in Conway, where his death occurred in 1855, while yet a comparatively young man, being only thirty-six years of age. He left a widow and two children: John G., the subject of this article; and Johanna, wife of John George Voetsch, of Turner's Falls. His widow subsequently became the wife of William Hoelle, of Turner's Falls; and of this union three children were born—two sons and a daughter.

John George Yetter was reared to manhood and educated in his native country, which is famed for the number and excellence of its public schools, graduating from the high school. At the age of sixteen years he came alone to America, landing at New York, and going from that city to Greenfield. His first employment was with the Lamson & Goodnow Cutlery Company, in whose factory he remained until it was swept away by a flood three years later. Going then to New Britain, Conn., Mr. Yetter accepted a similar position with Landers, Frary & Clark. He then established himself in business, taking contract work in finishing forks, and employing a force of seven men. The business proved a very profitable one, but he was obliged to give it up on account of failing health. Returning to Franklin county, Mr. Yetter opened a fancy-goods and periodical store at Turner's Falls, where he continued for

two and one-half years, when he sold out to John Eppler. He was subsequently employed for seven years as a clerk in the dry-goods house of William F. Root at Greenfield, remaining with him until his retirement from business in 1882. Mr. Yetter next accepted a similar position in the establishment of Knowles & Thompson, for whom he clerked four years, the succeeding two years being an employee of W. A. Forbes. During the later years of his clerkship Mr. Yetter was on the lookout for a favorable location for business; and on April 21, 1887, he purchased his present stand at 88 Main Street, being aided by trusting friends. He put in a stock of dry and fancy goods, cloaks, etc., valued at ten thousand dollars; and to this he has made continual additions, his stock being now appraised at from fifteen to seventeen thousand dollars. Mr. Yetter has cancelled all his indebtedness, and has a very extensive trade, including the patronage of the leading people of the city, and employing several saleswomen. He has made his store very attractive to his customers, who feel confident of receiving a good article at a fair price.

On December 23, 1873, Mr. Yetter was married to Miss Frances Sessler, of Greenfield, a daughter of Jacob and Francisca (Kerber) Sessler, both natives of Germany. They emigrated to America when young, and were married at Brattleboro, Vt., in 1848, settling on a farm, where they lived until the death of Mrs. Sessler, in 1886. The father, now retired from active pursuits, makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. Yetter. Five children were born to them, one of whom—Frank J.—died when four years old. The record of the others is as follows: William, a farmer, lives in Colerain; Frances is the wife of Mr. Yetter; Eva Rose is the wife of Andrew Schwilling, of Miller's Falls; and

Frederick is a farmer, residing in Greenfield. The parents were both members of the Congregational church. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Yetter has been blessed by the birth of six children, namely: Frances S., a clerk in her father's store; Rose Louise, a student of music; Frederick G., an active youth of fifteen years, who is learning the mercantile business; Frank Jacob, thirteen years of age; Elizabeth Amelia, eleven years old; and Mabel, eight years old. Mr. Yetter and his family live at 36 Davis Street, in the house which he bought in 1892, and have a very pleasant and attractive home. They are held in high esteem throughout the community, and are valued members of the Episcopal church.

EDGAR L. BARTLETT is an extensive farmer, residing in Montague, who also carries on a very profitable butchering business. He was born in that town on July 6, 1856, and is a son of Gideon Bartlett, a native of Enfield, Hampshire County, Mass., where his father, also named Gideon, was born. The latter was a prosperous farmer, who resided in Enfield until his decease, at the age of seventy years.

Gideon Bartlett, Jr., the father of our subject, was reared to agricultural life, and also acquired the trade of a wheelwright at Montague, where he first went to live in 1833. He followed his trade for many years, broken by an interval when he remained with and assisted his father during his decline. After his father's death he returned to Montague, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1876, at the age of sixty-one years. He was a stanch Republican in politics; and during his later residence in Enfield, which extended over the period from 1856 to 1870, he held the offices of Selectman and Assessor

for several terms. His wife was Julia Lawrence, daughter of Colonel Cephas Lawrence. The latter was prominently identified with the State militia for many years, and was closely connected with the business interests of Montague, where he operated a large saw-mill and fulling-mill. Mrs. Bartlett was one of a large family. She became the mother of ten children who lived to reach maturity, namely: Juliet, who married George W. Holden, of Enfield; Alphonso, a resident of Miller's Falls; William, also of Miller's Falls; Lucia, who married F. A. Amsden, of Gardner; Eugene C., of Orange; Flora, wife of A. E. Whitney; Edgar L., the subject of this article; Nettie M., wife of John Goodwin; Nellie M. (deceased), twin sister of Nettie M., who married H. F. Shaw, of Belchertown; and Eva L., wife of A. B. Dudley, of Gardner. Mr. Bartlett's parents attended the Congregational church; and, although his father was not a member, he took deep interest in all religious affairs. The mother was called to rest in November, 1883, at the age of sixty-eight years.

The first fourteen years of Edgar L. Bartlett's life were passed in Enfield, upon the farm which his father conducted; and, although he was obliged to walk a mile and a half to school, through the cold of winter and the oppressive heat of summer, he considered it no great hardship, and always managed to occupy a position of prominence in his classes. When his parents removed to Montague, he continued to pursue his studies there, and completed his education at the age of seventeen, having, in the mean time, during spare hours, worked in the shop of a cabinet-maker. He then entered the employ of Benjamin Fay, the village butcher, with whom he remained in a subordinate position until 1880. His employer's health failing at



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that time, he became a partner with him in the business. At the expiration of five months Mr. Fay died; and Mr. Bartlett purchased his interest, although, in order to do so, he was under the necessity of incurring a heavy debt. This he paid off in the space of three years, through the practice of the most rigid economy and the closest attention to business. He conducted a very successful trade at the old stand for some time. In 1889 he was burned out, and conducted business in the basement of Masonic Hall until April 1 of that year, when he moved to the old Ward farm, which is considered one of the very finest pieces of agricultural property in the locality, where he has since conducted a brisk butchering business in connection with farming, employing three teams permanently, and sometimes five, in order to supply his large and increasing trade. He also makes a specialty of breeding fine Jersey cattle, of which he generally keeps twenty-five head, and raises many excellent draft horses. Mr. Bartlett was the first President and is now a member of the Co-operative Creamery. He keeps in touch with the progress of the times in agricultural matters, and is very successful in all his operations.

Mr. Bartlett was united in marriage in October, 1883, to Miss Addie A. Fay, only daughter of Benjamin Fay, his late partner in business, who was formerly a farmer in Milford, Worcester County. Mr. Fay died at Montague, at the age of fifty-seven years. Mrs. Fay, whose maiden name was Jane H. Preshe, was a native of Pelham. She became the mother of three children, as follows: Addie A.; B. Frank, who died at the age of thirty-three years; and Henry C. Mr. Fay served on the Board of Selectmen of Montague for some time. He was a prominent member of the Congregational church, and served

on the parish committee. Mrs. Fay, who now resides with her daughter, is also a member of that church. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, and they have been called upon to mourn the death of two—Robert F. and Walter. Their home is brightened by two promising boys—Benjamin P. and Richard H.

Mr. Bartlett is well advanced in Masonry, being connected with Bay State Lodge at Montague and Franklin Royal Arch Chapter, Titus Strong Council, and Connecticut Valley Commandery at Greenfield; and he has held some of the important offices in the Blue Lodge. He is a charter member and was the first Secretary of the grange at Montague. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett are active members of the Congregational church, in which he occupies an official position, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school.

HENRY E. GOODELL, whose portrait is presented on the opposite page, is a member of the firm of Goodell Brothers, of Greenfield, manufacturers of light hardware specialties, including automatic screw-drivers and drills, of which these enterprising gentlemen are the inventors and patentees. Mr. Goodell was born October 12, 1848, in the town of Whitingham, Vt., being a son of Anson Goodell, a native of Connecticut, who was born in 1805.

Anson Goodell, when a young man, removed from his native State to Vermont, and, buying a tract of land in Whitingham, Windham County, carried on general farming there with much success for many years. Later he sold that farm, and removed to Buckland, Franklin County, Mass. He was an industrious man, not afraid of hard work, and rounded out a full period of years, passing to his rest in

May, 1892. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Rice, and who is now eighty-seven years of age, is living at Shelburne Falls. Of their marriage, which covered a period of sixty-five happy years, twelve children were born. As into every life some sorrow comes, so they, too, had troubles hard to bear, having been called upon to part with several of their children; namely, two who died in infancy, a daughter at the age of seven years, a son five years old, and two after reaching adult life. The latter were: Helen, who died in 1873 on the home farm at Buckland; and Hiram, who died in 1877, aged forty-six years. The record of the surviving children is thus given: Anna, the widow of David Lanfair, who died in 1878 at Conway, leaving her with seven children; Dexter W., of the firm of Goodell Brothers in Greenfield; Almina, widow of Clark Cary, living in Cole-rain, where he died in 1894, at the age of fifty-eight years, leaving two children; Albert D., a manufacturer of hardware at Shelburne Falls; Henry E.; and Mattie, wife of Emerson Hicks, of Shelburne Falls. Mr. Anson Goodell took a prominent part in political and religious affairs in his town, being a Republican in politics, serving in various offices, and, with his wife, belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was an official member.

Henry E. Goodell was reared to agricultural pursuits on the parental homestead, where he lived until eighteen years old, when his mechanical talent asserted itself, and he began the manufacture of wood specialties, principally chair stock, with his brother Albert, in Buckland. Two years later they changed to hardware specialties, retaining the same factory; but this they sold a year later to the Miller Falls Manufacturing Company, in whose employment they were engaged the

succeeding eighteen years. In June, 1888, these brothers again embarked in the hardware business, opening a factory at Shelburne Falls, and carried it on together under the firm name of Goodell Brothers for some three years, when Albert D. sold out his share to his partner, who continued alone for a few months. In November, 1893, Mr. Henry E. Goodell removed to Greenfield, and, taking into partnership his brother Dexter, erected their present factory, which is of brick, two stories high, one hundred feet by thirty feet, and is situated north of Main Street, on the Boston & Maine railroad tracks. They give steady employment to about twenty hands, turning out some thirty thousand dollars' worth of goods every year; and this product is sold to the United States and the European trade, articles of their manufacture having a wide reputation for excellence on two continents.

Mr. Goodell was united in marriage May 13, 1873, to Miss Alice S. Gaines, a native of Montague, and daughter of Benjamin A. and Lydia (Kendal) Gaines, now residents of Greenfield. Mrs. Goodell was educated at Bernardston Academy, and prior to her marriage was a successful and popular teacher, being a general favorite in society. Two children have been born of their union, namely: Harry G., a fine young man of twenty-one years, who married Lizzie Doolittle, a daughter of Andrew Doolittle; and Josie M., who is a graduate of the Greenfield High School. Mr. Goodell is a man of much stability of purpose and integrity, and by his untiring energy and enterprise has reached his present place among the successful men of the period. Although physically frail, he is known as a rapid and enthusiastic worker, doing more actual labor than any of his employees, and at the same time superintending

his extensive business. In politics he is a strong adherent of the Republican party; and he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, he being an officer therein. They have a fine new home at 31 Main Street, which he built in 1893.

REUBEN H. NIMS, a thrifty and enterprising agriculturist, owning and managing a well-improved and finely equipped farm at Montague Meadows, was born in the town of Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., January 15, 1832. His parents were William and Phila (Gunn) Nims, the former a native of Colerain, the latter of Montague. The father was a cloth dresser, and worked at his trade in his native town and in Heath, his last days being spent in the latter place. His wife was the daughter of Asahel Gunn, a successful farmer of Montague, where his birth occurred November 10, 1757, and his death in November, 1834. Four of the five children born to William Nims and his wife grew to mature years, and two are still living, namely: Reuben H., the subject of this biographical record; and Mary, who married L. O. Gunn, of Erving, a sketch of whose life may be found elsewhere in this volume, and in connection with it a more extended history of the parents of Mr. Nims.

Reuben H. Nims was left an orphan at an early age, his father having died when the boy was scarcely more than an infant, and his mother when he was only nine years old. He subsequently made his home with his uncle, Rodney Gunn, who was a farmer, and was educated in the district schools and at Shelburne Falls. He became early acquainted with the mysteries of farming, and became a farmer by choice, finding the occupation pleasant and profitable. In 1860 he made his

first purchase of land, buying a farm in Northampton, where he lived four years. Selling that property in 1864, Mr. Nims took up his residence on the farm which is now his home. It was then occupied by his uncle and aunt, who required his care, and who bequeathed him the property when death called them home. There he has since carried on general farming in a practical and progressive manner, meeting with excellent results in all of his operations; and he is an important member of the agricultural community of this section of the county.

Mr. Nims has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was wedded November 22, 1859, was Miss Mary E. Edwards, a native of Northampton, the daughter of Thomas Edwards, a gardener of that place and an esteemed resident. She was a most estimable woman and a consistent member of the Congregational church. She died August 2, 1876, leaving three children, of whom the following is chronicled: Willie died at the age of twenty-one years; Hattie H., the wife of William Wright, agent for the Adams Express Company, residing at Greenfield, has three children — Martha O., Mary E., and Harold I.; and Charles, who assists his father on the farm, married Lucy F. Webber, a native of Old Hadley, they having one child — Homer Willis. On June 4, 1879, Mr. Nims was united in marriage to Miss Belle Farrington, a daughter of George W. Farrington, a Vermont farmer. Mrs. Farrington's maiden name was Clara Marsh. She was a native of Vermont, born February 23, 1831, and a life-long resident of that State. Her death occurred in the town of Walden, September 10, 1856. She was the mother of two children — Carl D. and Belle (Mrs. Nims). Mr. Farrington is yet living, but is quite feeble. Mr. and Mrs. Nims are

the parents of three children — Clara Edith, Annie, and Mary — who are now enjoying the happy days of school life.

In politics Mr. Nims is a straight Republican. He and his wife are esteemed members of the Congregational church.

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AVERY J. DENISON, a representative mechanic and farmer of Leyden, Franklin County, Mass., was born in this town, November 24, 1829, son of Arad J. and Prudence (Burrows) Denison. His first ancestor in this country was William Denison, who was born in England in 1586, and came to America in 1631, settling in Roxbury, Mass., with his wife, Margaret, and his three sons — Daniel, Edward, and George.

The latter, who was born in England in 1618, married Bridget Thompson, of Roxbury, who died in 1643; and after her death he returned to England, and served under Cromwell in the Parliamentary army, winning the title of Colonel. He was wounded at the battle of Naseby, and was nursed at the house of John Borodell, whose daughter Ann ministered to the comfort of the suffering soldier. A mutual affection being thus engendered, on regaining his strength George Denison married Ann Borodell, and with her returned to Roxbury, Mass., later settling in Stonington, Conn. He has been described as "the Miles Standish of the settlement"; but he was a more brilliant soldier than Standish, having no equal in any of the colonies for conducting a war against the Indians. In emergencies he was always in demand, and he held many important positions.

William Denison, son of George, was born in Stonington in 1655, and, spending his life on the homestead, died March 26, 1715. His son George, who was born February 28, 1692,

was also a life-long resident there. The next in line, David Denison, was born January 29, 1736, in Stonington, but in early manhood lived in New London. He was an officer in the Revolutionary army, and lost most of his property when Arnold, the traitor, burned that town. In 1785 he moved to Rindge, N.H., and thence to the southern part of Guilford, Vt., which was then an uncultivated and sparsely settled district. He died January 24, 1808. His wife, Keziah Smith Denison, by whom he had eleven children, was a native of Groton, Conn. She died June 28, 1815, and was buried at Beaver Meadow Cemetery, at Leyden, Mass. Their son George, born in 1769, grandfather of Avery J. Denison, migrated to Fabius, Onondaga County, N.Y., contracting a fever while transporting the State militia to Sackett's Harbor. He died in 1813, leaving his wife, Lucy Babcock, daughter of Peleg Babcock, of Leyden, a widow with five children.

Arad J. Denison was born March 28, 1807, in Fabius, N.Y., and in 1813, the year of his father's death, came to Leyden, Mass., to make his home with his grandfather, Peleg Babcock. He was a mechanic by trade, and lived to be nearly seventy, dying August 10, 1876. On April 12, 1827, he was united in marriage with Prudence Burrows, who was born July 6, 1807, in Guilford, Vt., and died April 7, 1872. They had the following children, seven of whom are now living, namely: Willard Arad, born February 2, 1828; Avery Josiah, the subject of this sketch; Amy Sophia, born March 4, 1833; Lydia Louisa, born September 9, 1834; George Washington, born January 30, 1837; Charles Kinyon, born February 2, 1842; Andrew Richard, born May 6, 1843; and Adelaide Lucy, born October 6, 1847.

Avery J. Denison was educated in the pub-

lic and select schools of Leyden. In early life he showed an inclination for mechanics, in which he sought always to excel. For some time he worked with his father, and subsequently he was employed as a clothier, a workman on sashes, doors, and blinds, a millwright, a carpenter and joiner; and finally he took charge of a grist-mill and saw-mill, with wood-working machinery. At present Mr. Denison is engaged in general farming, which he conducts in an intelligent and progressive manner. On May 4, 1859, he was married to Emma Stewart, who passed away on April 2, 1861; and on June 7, 1869, he was united to his second wife, Harriet Frances, daughter of Cyrus C. and Freelove (Packard) Miner, who was born in Leyden, October 12, 1842.

The Miner family trace their descent from three brothers who came to America in early Colonial times, and settled in Connecticut. Mrs. Denison's grandfather, Cyrus Miner, was born in Stonington, Conn., April 3, 1777. He lived in Halifax, Vt., for some time, later moving to Leyden. Grandfather Miner was a hard-working and prosperous farmer, and was famed for generosity and hospitality. In politics he was a Wig; and in religion he was liberal, looking on every man as his brother. He died in West Leyden, November 12, 1845. His wife, Fanny Clark, was born in Hopkinton, R.I., September 11, 1781, and became Mrs. Miner on December 23, 1802. She died in May, 1877, at the advanced age of ninety-six. They had twelve children, one of whom died in childhood. At the present time three are living, namely: Martha, widow of Robert Miller, in East Colerain; Mary, widow of Madison Noyes, in Guilford, Vt.; and Ozias L. Miner, in Brattleboro, Vt.

Cyrus Clark Miner, Mrs. Denison's father,

who was born in Halifax, Vt., January 20, 1804, was a well-to-do farmer and fruit grower, owning the farm in West Leyden known as the Peleg Babcock place. With the exception of a few years spent in Hatfield and in Halifax, Vt., Mr. Miner's life was passed in Leyden, where he was one of the first to engage in fruit growing on an extensive scale. He prospered in his undertakings, and spent his last years in retirement in Leyden Centre. A Republican in politics, he held many town offices, serving for some time as Selectman. He was a zealous member of the Methodist church, to whose support he liberally contributed. Mr. Miner died January 22, 1887. He was married October 30, 1827, to Freelove Packard, who died November 26, 1894, at the home of her son, M. Dayton Miner, in her eighty-eighth year. They had nine children, of whom six are living, namely: Oliver S., a carriage-maker in North Adams; Charles P. C., a farmer and apple dealer in Charlemont; William L., a farmer in Hudson, S. Dak., who served three years in Company I, Forty-first Regiment Illinois Volunteers, and was wounded in the battle of Shiloh; Harriet F., Mrs. Denison; M. Dayton, a mechanic and farmer; George Harlan, a book-keeper in North Pownal, Vt. Angeline A., wife of I. N. Thorn, a druggist of Brattleboro, Vt., died March 27, 1856; Cyrus E. died August 15, 1852; and Anson D., who was principal of Drury Academy and superintendent of schools in North Adams twenty-eight years, died February 25, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Avery J. Denison have two children — Carroll A. and Helen C. The former, who was born in Leyden, June 9, 1870, is a mechanic, and resides with his parents. He was married September 28, 1892, to Millie Hall, a native of Springfield, Mass., but at that time a resident of Green-

field. They have one child, Ruth Freelove Denison, born April 30, 1894. Helen C., who was born July 16, 1875, also resides in Leyden.

Avery J. Denison has always voted the Republican ticket, having cast his first vote for John C. Frémont. In 1869 he was a member of the State legislature, representing seven towns; and he has served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer six years, besides filling minor offices, declining two appointments as Justice of the Peace, accepting the third, and serving seven years, declining to serve another term. In the discharge of his official duties Mr. Denison was fearless and independent, taking what he deemed the right course, regardless of public opinion. He has ever felt an earnest desire to promote the welfare of society, believing that all permanent civilization is based on morality as taught in the Bible. Mr. and Mrs. Denison are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They are noted for their generosity and hospitality.

HENRY H. ROOT, a successful merchant of Montague, was born in this town, on what is known as Federal Street, September 8, 1856, his father, Harrison F. Root, and his grandfather, Erastus F. Root, having been natives of the same place, both occupying the old homestead, where the latter spent his entire life. Harrison F. Root was reared to farm work; and, after receiving his education at the district schools and in Williston Seminary at Easthampton, he bought the home farm, and tenderly cared for his parents during their declining years. He is a Republican in politics, and prominent in public affairs. His wife, whose name before marriage was Hannah G. Stratton, is a daughter of Arad Stratton, of Northfield.

Four children were born to them, as follows: Arthur, a farmer, residing in this town; Harriet S., wife of Austin Lawrence, of Miller's Falls, who is now travelling through Canada, having previously visited all places of interest in the United States; Henry H., of whom more is written below; and Charles, who died at the age of six months. Mr. Harrison F. Root has been eminently prosperous in agricultural pursuits, and now enjoys a very comfortable competency. He and his wife are members of the Unitarian church.

Henry H. Root passed his boyhood upon his father's farm. He received a good education in the district schools and at Wesleyan Academy, and at the age of sixteen entered the employ of Wright & Bangs as a clerk. After remaining with them two years, he went to Westfield, Hampden County, Mass., where he was employed in the same capacity by D. L. Gillett, a dry-goods dealer, for one year, and then, returning to Montague, accepted a position in the general store of Mr. I. Cheney, being there employed for a period of four years. At the expiration of that time he purchased Mr. Cheney's interest, and, after successfully carrying on the business for two years more, sold to the former proprietor, later purchasing the building which was located on the site of his present store, together with one adjoining. These buildings, including a large stock of goods, were destroyed by fire July 4, 1885, causing him to sustain a severe loss, from which, however, he speedily recovered. He immediately commenced the erection of his present well-appointed establishment, and at the end of four months, with a fine stock of goods, resumed business, which he has since continued with the most satisfactory results.

In July, 1881, he was united in marriage with Miss Cora M. Streeter, only daughter of

H. L. Streeter, of Winsted, Conn., who formerly carried on the lumber business in that town. Mr. Root is a member of Bay State Lodge, A. F. & A. M., is liberal in his religious views, and a Republican in politics. His business career has been thus far characterized by a degree of energy and ability that has insured his success, and his fellow-townsmen have every reason to expect a great deal of him in the way of developing the business resources of the locality.

JACOB P. KELLOGG, who died at his home in Shelburne, Mass., on October 6, 1843, was a worthy member of a family that has been represented in the Connecticut valley more than two hundred years, its records including the names of not a few citizens of prominence in their day and generation. The immigrant ancestor was Joseph Kellogg, who settled in Farmington, Conn., in 1651, and died in Hadley, Mass., in 1707 or 1708, having been one of the leading pioneers of that place. The next in the line now being considered was his son, John Kellogg, who died in Hadley between 1723 and 1728. The third child of said John Kellogg was Joseph Kellogg, who was born November 6, 1685, and was a resident of South Hadley, where his son Jabez was born February 11, 1734. Jabez Kellogg removed to Hanover, N.H., in 1785, living there until his death, in 1791. One of his children, Julius by name, was the father of Jacob P., the principal subject of the present sketch.

Julius Kellogg was born at South Hadley, September 27, 1765, and was a blacksmith by trade, following that occupation through his life, which terminated August 4, 1813, in Shelburne. He married Molly Poole, who was born in Shelburne, February 1, 1771, and

died here, September 7, 1833. She was a daughter of Lieutenant Jacob Poole, who died at Sainte Therese, Canada, in June, 1776, while serving in the Revolutionary War. Among the first pioneers of the town of Shelburne were Stephen Kellogg and Samuel Poole, both of them grandfathers of Molly Poole, so that she was also partly of Kellogg descent. Mrs. Molly Poole Kellogg was a rarely gifted woman, of great mental power, and with her husband took an active part in promoting the growth and prosperity of the town, they being among the foremost citizens of their day. Julius Kellogg was a public-spirited man, and was a Representative in the State legislature in 1808. Both he and his wife were influential members of the Congregational church from the time of its organization and liberal contributors toward its support. A family of ten children were born to them, none of whom are now living.

Jacob P. Kellogg, son of Julius and Molly (Poole) Kellogg, was born in Shelburne on February 16, 1793. Having learned his father's trade, he worked at general blacksmithing, and also did a large business in the manufacture of hoes. He located in Shelburne Centre, buying the estate on which his son and daughter now live, and making many improvements thereon, erecting the present commodious residence in 1834. A man of excellent judgment, intelligently interested in the common weal, he was often called upon to fill responsible stations, and, besides serving as Selectman for several years, represented his district in the State legislature in 1843. Although his life was comparatively short, it was filled with useful activity; and his death, in the autumn of that year, was a sad loss to the community, as well as to his immediate family. He married in 1820 Lucy Wright, a native of Ashby, Mass., born Au-

gust 4, 1795, daughter of Stephen Wright, a native of Littleton. Mrs. Lucy W. Kellogg survived her husband many years, dying May 25, 1882. Four children were born of their union, three of whom are now living. A brief record is as follows: Stephen Wright, born April 5, 1822, resides in Waterbury, Conn.; Ai, born February 15, 1824, lives on the old home farm; John, born January 6, 1826, died April 25, 1865; and Sarah Prescott, born September 11, 1829, lives with her brother on the homestead.

Stephen W. Kellogg received his early education in Shelburne, and after leaving school was engaged in teaching four terms, continuing at work on his father's farm during the summer seasons. When twenty years old, he entered Amherst College, where he studied two terms, going thence to Yale College, from which he was graduated in 1846, taking one of the first three honors of his class. He subsequently accepted for a short time the principalship of the Winchendon Academy, but soon entered the Yale Law School; and, while prosecuting his studies there, he taught the classes in Greek in a classical school at New Haven. In June, 1848, he was admitted to the Connecticut bar, and has since been in active practice of his profession, residing most of the time in Waterbury. He was clerk of the Connecticut Senate in 1851, of which he was a member two years later, representing the Waterbury district, and in 1856 was a member of the Connecticut House of Representatives, being chairman of the Judiciary Committee. In 1854 he was appointed Judge of the New Haven County Court, and for seven years was Judge of the Waterbury District Probate Court. Judge Kellogg was elected a member of Congress in 1869, and re-elected in 1871 and in 1873. While there he served on important committees — the Ju-

diciary, Patents, Pacific Railroads — also being chairman of the Committee on Naval Expenditures in the Forty-second Congress, and chairman of the Committee of Civil Service Reform the following term.

Since his retirement from Congressional life he has resumed the practice of law, and has been in the front rank of his profession. He drew up the bill, and was very active in procuring its passage, for organizing the National Guard to take the place of the State militia, and was appointed Colonel of the Second Regiment, Connecticut National Guard, in 1864, and after two years' service was promoted to be Brigadier-general of the Guard, but resigned his position while in Congress. Stephen W. Kellogg married in 1851 Lucia Hosmer Andrews, grand-daughter of Chief Justice Hosmer, of Connecticut, and daughter of Major Andre Andrews, a lawyer of Buffalo, N.Y., who, with his wife, died of cholera during the scourge of 1833. Seven children have been born to them, and six are now living. The eldest son, Frank Kellogg, is a Lieutenant in the navy; and the other two are in their father's law office in Waterbury, Conn. John is married, and has one child. The three daughters are married, and have families.

Ai Kellogg, who resides on the paternal homestead, carries on general farming in a systematic and successful manner. He has ninety acres of rich land, all under good cultivation and well improved. In May, 1862, he was united in marriage with Adaline Clark, of Barre, Mass., who died April 19, 1864. The only child born of their union was a daughter, Emma Eliza, who lived but ten months. In politics Mr. Ai Kellogg is a staunch Republican.

John Kellogg, third son of Jacob P., was graduated from West Point with honors in

1849, and afterward entered the Third United States Artillery as Second Lieutenant, and served his first campaign in the Indian Territory with great bravery. He was subsequently stationed at Portland, Me., under General Anderson, going thence to Fort Snelling, Minn. From 1854 to 1861 he served on the frontier in Oregon and Washington with great credit, being in command of a company a portion of the time, in the Indian war of that section in 1857. In 1861 he was promoted to be captain in the commissary department, and after the battle of Bull Run he entered the volunteer service as Colonel of the Third California Regiment, so as to have a more active part; but, contrary to his wishes, he was transferred to the commissary department again, and sent to San Francisco. In 1864 he returned to Baltimore, and was placed on General Sheridan's staff as Chief Commissary, remaining with him through his campaigns of 1864 and 1865. Colonel Kellogg's duties were severe, and he had many narrow escapes from capture and death. The work was too arduous; and he died from overwork and exhaustion in the final campaign ending in Lee's surrender at City Point, Va., April 25, 1865.

Sarah P. Kellogg, the youngest member of the parental household, enjoyed in her girlhood the superior educational advantages afforded by Mount Holyoke Seminary and a school in New Haven, and for a few terms after graduation was engaged in teaching. A woman of cultivated taste, gifted with literary talent, she is now living a quiet life with her brother in Shelburne, occasionally exercising her pen as an acceptable writer for the press. When quite young, Miss Kellogg began to express her thoughts in verse; and a volume of her productions, showing true poetic merit, was published in 1886.

ALVAN SANDERSON, one of the most highly respected citizens of the town of Ashfield, who is living retired from the active pursuits of life, was born in the house he now owns and occupies, September 29, 1817. He is the son of Asa and Rebecca (Childs) Sanderson; and, tracing his line of ancestry back a few generations, we see that he is a lineal descendant of Joseph and Ruth (Parker) Sanderson. Joseph Sanderson, who was born in Groton, Mass., August 30, 1714, settled in Canterbury, a district in Whately, in 1752, and there spent the remainder of his days, living until 1772. The following children were born into his household: Ruth, Esther, Isaac, Thomas, Abraham, David, John, Asa, Isaac, and James. The next in line of descent is the grandfather of our subject, Thomas Sanderson, who was born March 16, 1746. He was reared a farmer, and also learned the tanner's trade. He married Lucy Wright, and in 1803 settled at Indian Hill, in Whately, being one of the pioneers of that district. Thomas Sanderson reared the following children: Martha, Mariam, Thomas, Asa, Alvan, Elijah, Lucy, Silas, Eli, and Chester. Asa, the fourth child in order of birth, was the father of our subject. His brother Alvan was the founder of Sanderson Academy, one of the finest schools of the kind in Massachusetts, which is noted for its superb schools. Alvan Sanderson was born in Whately, December 13, 1780. A very ambitious student and eager to secure a good education, he worked his way through Williams College by teaching, and graduated from that institution in 1802. He was popular and successful as an educator, and as a preacher of the gospel met with eminent success, winning the love of all during his eight years' pastorate in Ashfield. Always intensely interested in the education

of the young, in 1816 he started a school in Ashfield, and later established the Sanderson Academy. He died before his work was fully accomplished, his brief life embracing but thirty-six years.

Asa Sanderson, the father of our subject, was born February 8, 1779, in Whately, and there passed his earlier years. He learned the tanner's trade, and established himself in Conway, where he was very successful in his business. He eventually sold out, and later bought a tannery in Ashfield, which he conducted with profit for some years. This tannery was located on the site now occupied by F. A. Cady's barn. Mr. Sanderson's next investment was the purchase of the farm adjoining the tannery. This he cultivated until his demise in 1862. The house in which he lived in Ashfield he bought from Dr. Nash, who had it built in 1800. Asa Sanderson was a man of much intelligence and sound wisdom, and exerted a beneficial influence in the building up of his adopted town, giving material aid when it was needed; and, though no office-seeker, he served acceptably in several public offices. In church matters, also, he was active, and for more than a score of years was Deacon of the Congregational church and treasurer of the same. His wife, the mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Rebecca Childs, lived to celebrate the eighty-second anniversary of her birth. She reared a family of seven children; namely, Louisa, Nancy, Lemuel C., Rebecca S., Asa W., Alvan, and Lucy W.

Alvan Sanderson, the subject of this sketch, acquired his education in the academy founded by his uncle, Alvan Sanderson, which is still partly supported by his endowment. His life has been spent in the old home; and for many years prior to the death of his parents he

tenderly cared for and watched over them, devoting himself to the interests of the farm. He has made many improvements on the property, remodelling the old house, and laying out a portion of the estate into village lots, for which there is always a ready demand, and has had the pleasure of seeing the land on which he spent so many days of hard labor in his earlier years occupied by beautiful residences, surrounded by green lawns. Although not married, Mr. Sanderson has a pleasant home, and a host of friends value him for his many sterling qualities of heart and mind. He has ever been among the foremost of the active citizens who are interested in promoting the welfare of the town and county, encouraging all enterprises tending to benefit the public.

ELIHU C. OSGOOD, a successful farmer of Greenfield, was born in the town of Wendell, Franklin County, Mass., November 7, 1823, son of Elihu and Ruth (King) Osgood. Mr. Osgood traces his pedigree back to one John Osgood, who was born in England, July 23, 1595, and settled in America with his family, dying in Andover, October 24, 1651. Elihu Osgood, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in 1762, and died August 27, 1834, was a hard-working and progressive farmer. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church, and officiated as Deacon for many years. His wife, Polly Osgood, was born May 28, 1762, and died December 22, 1834. They had three sons and one daughter, all of whom raised families of their own, and have now passed from the scenes of earth. Their names were: Elihu, Sumner, Polly, and Warren.

Elihu Osgood, the father of our subject, was a farmer, residing in the town of Wendell



ROBERT AND ELIZABETH B. STRANGE.

during the active period of his life, and following his calling with great success. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and held at various times many town offices, such as Selectman, Town Treasurer, etc. He, too, was an earnest member of the Baptist church. The declining years of his life were spent at the home of his son Elihu, where he died December 1, 1875. His wife died November 14, 1874. They had five children, four of whom grew up, and two are now living, namely: Samuel M., who was born October 23, 1818, and now resides in East Milton, Mass., retired from active life; and Elihu C., the subject of this sketch. Mary, Sophia D., and Dolly have passed to the world beyond.

Elihu C. Osgood spent the years of his boyhood in Wendell, receiving part of his education in the schools of that town, and afterward attended the New Salem Academy. When eighteen years of age, he began to teach school, but after three terms of teaching, he turned his attention to farming. The first land he purchased was in Wendell, and at one time he owned one hundred acres of Wendell property. Over twenty years of his life were spent in that town. In 1853, having sold his Wendell property, he invested in the land that constitutes his present place in Greenfield; and he now has ninety acres in that town and one hundred and twenty in Bernardston. He carries on general farming to quite an extent, raising some small grain and tobacco, and also runs a dairy. By working early and late he has reaped a goodly reward, and is counted as one of Greenfield's successful farmers.

On September 22, 1846, Mr. Osgood was united in marriage to Mary Stone, daughter of Eliab and Dolly (Armstrong) Stone, both natives of Franklin County. Mr. Stone was

a hard-working farmer of Wendell. After bearing her husband company on life's voyage for nearly forty-six years, Mrs. Osgood died, January 26, 1892. They had three sons and four daughters, as follows: Abbie J., born November 17, 1847, died October 1, 1850; Henry M., born November 14, 1849, died July 13, 1890; Sophia S., now the wife of Mark Bullard, a farmer of Greenfield, was born October 27, 1851; Emma J., born August 23, 1855, became the wife of Hollis E. Connable, and resides in Greenfield; John E., born February 12, 1859, is a manufacturer, residing in Greenfield; Minnie K., born October 26, 1863, died April 11, 1877; Charles S., born September 12, 1869, is a farmer, residing with his father.

In politics Mr. Osgood is a Republican. He has held different town offices, serving as Assessor in 1887 and 1888, and as Selectman four years consecutively, being elected the first time in 1888. In religious views he is liberal, but has always supported the Baptist church. He has a host of friends, and is highly respected by the community at large.

ROBERT STRANGE, whose portrait, together with that of his wife, is presented in this connection, is a prosperous farmer and highly respected citizen of Leyden, Mass., a veteran in the industrial ranks, one who early enlisted in the army of toilers, and has not fallen out by the way, having been neither a shirk nor a laggard, and who is fairly entitled to a place among the winners of life's battle. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, February 28, 1829, son of Hugh and Catherine (Youngs) Strange. Both parents were natives of the northern part of Ireland, and, being of Scotch descent, belonged to the class known as Scotch-Irish.

Hugh Strange followed the vocation of a mechanic in the old country, and was also successfully engaged in manufacturing. It was about the year 1859 that he and his wife came to America, and settled down to agricultural pursuits in Leyden. Of the children born to them three sons are still living: James Strange, who resides in the north of Ireland; Robert, of Leyden; and William Strange, of West Northfield, Mass. Both parents were members of the Scotch Presbyterian church. The father died in Leyden, at the age of sixty-six, and his wife in her seventy-second year.

Robert Strange grew to manhood and was educated in Ireland, acquiring a good part of his learning after he left the day school, as he was of a studious disposition; and his evenings were spent in study at home or at the night school. At ten years of age he began to learn the trade of linen weaver, and successfully followed this occupation the greater part of the time he lived in Ireland. Late in the summer of 1848 he set sail in the "Arabian," a three-masted sailing-vessel, under the captaincy of James Crangle; and a month later, on October 3, he landed in New York City. Thence he came to Leyden, Mass., where he was shortly engaged to work on a farm for Aaron Budington. He received for the first three months the sum of six dollars per month, and remained with Mr. Budington a year and a half. The succeeding three years he was employed in a similar capacity by other parties; and, being frugal as well as industrious, though his wages were so small, at the end of that time he was enabled to buy a small farm in Leyden, containing about twenty acres of land. After occupying that farm six years, he sold it, and purchased a part of the farm where he now resides, to which from time to time he has added land,

so that he now owns in the neighborhood of four hundred and eighty acres.

On March 17, 1849, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Black, who is likewise a native of Ireland. Their union has been blessed by the birth of eight children, six of whom are now living, namely: Elizabeth; Margaret W.; Catherine H.; Willie R., who spent four years in California; Frank J. and Fred H., who are twins—all of whom live at home with the exception of Elizabeth, the wife of Andrew Campbell, of Leyden, and Frank J., who is successfully engaged in the confectionery business at Springfield, Mass. The deceased are: Martha; and Anna M., who was a school-teacher.

Robert Strange in political affiliation is a Republican, and is now serving as Highway Surveyor, which office he has held for several years. He was formerly a member of the School Board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which they take an active interest, and which he has served as Steward and Trustee for many years, and for ten years has acted as class leader. He contributes freely toward the support of the church, and the neighbor or friend in need can also vouch for his liberality and Christian sympathy.

EUGENE B. BLAKE, a dealer in wood and coal and agent for the Adams Express Company, is one of the thriving and able business men of Greenfield, and has been numbered among its esteemed residents for upward of thirty years. He was born in the town of Hill, Merrimack County, N.H., December 5, 1845, and is a son of Horatio K. Blake, a native of the same town, born in 1810. The latter was a son of Greenleaf Blake, a respected member of the farming community of Merrimack County.

Horatio Blake removed from his native town to South Royalton, Vt., where his last years were spent, his death occurring in 1864, soon after passing the milestone that marked his fifty-fourth year. He was twice married; and three children were born of his first union, two of them being twins. The following is recorded of them: Horatio C. is living at South Royalton, Vt.; William Francis, who was a railroad man, died in the West, leaving a wife and daughter; and Henry S., also a railway employee, died in Minneapolis, Minn., where he left a family. Horatio Blake's second wife, the mother of our subject, was Rebecca W. Berkley, a native of Franklin, N.H., daughter of Cyrus Berkley, a man of prominence in the town. She was born in 1816, and became Mrs. Blake in 1837. She is now residing at South Royalton, Vt., an active woman of nearly fourscore years. Eight sons and two daughters were born to her and her husband. The daughters and five of the sons are now living, as follows: Cyrus O., a manufacturer, resides at Bowling Green, Ky.; Eugene B. is the subject of this sketch; Don W., a locomotive engineer, lives at St. Albans, Vt.; Edric A., a telegrapher, is a resident of Roanoke, Va.; Alice Belle is the wife of Charles Daggett, of South Royalton; Mattie G. is the wife of Frank Bradstreet, of the same place; Jed G. resides at Seattle, Wash. Edric died in infancy. Launcelot Kelley Blake was a soldier, doing gallant service during the late Civil War, serving as a Corporal, and was wounded in battle. He was subsequently killed April 24, 1866, on the Vermont Central Railway, on which he was a trainman. Charles G. Blake died in Rio Janeiro in 1875, leaving a wife, but no issue. He also served in the late war, enlisting in 1862 in the Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry as a private, and

coming out with the rank of Lieutenant and as Commander of his company.

Eugene B. Blake attended school until sixteen years of age. Then, inspired by the patriotic zeal that caused five of his brothers to enlist in defence of their nation's flag, he volunteered his services, enlisting from Royalton in Company E, First Vermont Cavalry, and went out as a servant to his uncle, Samuel P. Rundlett. After a little more than a year's service he returned home—in the autumn of 1862—and shortly after his arrival entered the telegraph office at Moore's Junction, N.Y., where he remained about two years. In March, 1864, he obtained a position in Greenfield as operator and baggage master on the Connecticut River Railway, and for twenty-eight years was connected with the railway service, acting as ticket agent from 1869 until 1878, and then as freight agent of the Troy & Greenfield Railway, and depot master, until 1892. Mr. Blake then embarked in the coal and wood business, buying out A. N. Hall. He now has a substantial and extensive trade, and in addition thereto has held the agency of the Adams Express Company for the past two years. Mr. Blake possesses excellent business capacity and tact, and has the confidence and respect of all his patrons.

In 1869 he was united in marriage to Clara M. Haywood, who bore him three children, two of whom died in infancy. The other child, Mabel H. Blake, is a graduate of the Greenfield High School, and for a short time was engaged in teaching, but is now an assistant in her father's office. After a few years of pleasant wedded life, the mother died, in 1879; and six years later Mr. Blake married Miss Elmina B. Mason, a daughter of Silas and Elmina (Ballou) Mason, and a granddaughter of the Rev. Hosea Ballou, the noted

Universalist minister. One child was born of Mr. Blake's second union — Ralph M. — now a bright and active boy of five years.

Mr. Blake is a man of influence and prominence in local matters, and has served as Selectman two years, having been elected on the Republican ticket. Socially, he is a Knight Templar and Past Master of the Republican Lodge. He and his wife are valued and conscientious members of the Unitarian church.

RMAN C. MARVELL, a prosperous farmer of North Leverett, was born at his present home, November 22, 1856, son of Calvin Marvell, who was born at Shutesbury, Franklin County, Mass., November 7, 1824. The grandfather, Jesse Marvell, was a native of the town of Rehoboth, Bristol County, Mass., and was a son of Pascal Marvell, whose birth occurred in an adjoining town. Pascal Marvell worked at both farming and shoemaking. The latter part of his life was spent in Shutesbury, where he carried on a farm. Jesse Marvell, who was reared to agricultural pursuits, settled in Leverett in 1834, and spent many years there, successfully engaged in farming. He died at the age of seventy-four. He was prominent in public affairs at Shutesbury, and served as a Selectman for several years, both in Shutesbury and in North Leverett.

Calvin Marvell cared for his parents during their declining years, assisting in the management of the farm, of which he eventually assumed charge, and now resides with his son, Orman C. Marvell, having retired from active labor. He is a Republican in politics, and has served the community faithfully as a Selectman and Overseer of the Poor. He was a charter member of Bay State Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Montague, and also of the Lever-

ett Grange. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Glazier, was a daughter of Ebenezer N. and Mary (Spaulding) Glazier, and a member of one of the first families to settle in the town. She died July 25, 1893, at the age of sixty-five. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Marvell: Jane, widow of George Beals, who has one daughter — Lillian; Ella, who married Henry Fisk, and has two children — Lucy and Lora; Ida, who married Charles Moore, and has seven children, as follows — George C., Myra, Jesse, Millie, Rhoda, Flora, and Hazel; Lelia, wife of Sidney Williams, who has one child — Maud; Flora (deceased), who was the wife of Orrin Grant, and left three children — Weston, Leroy, and Mabelle, the former of whom married Hattie Dresser, and has one child, Flora Ida; Mary, died in infancy; and Orman C., our direct subject.

Orman C. Marvell received a good education in the schools of his native town. He has passed his entire life upon the farm, which consists of about one hundred and fifty acres of fertile and well-cultivated land, and is engaged in general farming, which he carries on in a progressive and intelligent manner, being thoroughly conversant with all branches of agriculture.

In 1877 Mr. Marvell was married to Miss Alice Church, daughter of Leonard and Jane (Barber) Church, of Buckland. Her parents were natives of Ashfield, Franklin County, Mass.; and her paternal grandfather was born in Oakham, Worcester County, Mass. She is one of three children, the others being George B. and Lucy Church. Mrs. Marvell was educated at Ashfield, and taught nine years in that town and in Hawley, and two years in Leverett. One child has blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Marvell — a son, Ralph N.

In politics Mr. Marvell is a Republican. He takes an active part in the town government, and has been Selectman five years, and served several years as Road Commissioner. He is a member of Bay State Lodge of A. F. & A. M. at Montague, and of the grange of that town; and he and his wife belong to the Independent Order of Good Templars. Mrs. Marvell has been a member of the School Board for the past four years. The entire family attend the Baptist church.

ERASTUS F. GUNN, a retired farmer, residing in Montague, was born at Miller's Falls, Franklin County, Mass., August 21, 1819, son of Otis and Lucy (Fisk) Gunn. His grandfather, Asahel Gunn, who was a native of Massachusetts, settled upon a farm in Montague subsequent to his marriage, which occurred when he was nineteen years of age, and resided there until his decease. He erected the hotel at Miller's Falls, known as the Lake Hotel, of which his son Otis was afterward proprietor.

Otis Gunn, the father of our subject, was born on the farm in Montague. He took charge of the Lake Hotel after his marriage, and conducted it for twelve years, at the expiration of which time it was sold, and he returned to the old homestead. The latter property eventually passed into the hands of his son Erastus, who later disposed of it, and moved to his present farm, where his father died at the age of eighty-five years. Otis Gunn's wife, mother of Erastus F., was Lucy Fisk, of Wendell, in which town her father, Captain Zedekiah Fisk, was engaged in farming. He served as an officer in the Revolutionary War, and was wont to tell of his terrible sufferings from the pangs of hunger and of being brought to the necessity of

devouring a pair of boots, which he described as having been a welcome meal under the circumstances. Mrs. Gunn became the mother of six children, four of whom, between the ages of eight and eighteen years, died within a few weeks. The survivors are Erastus F., the subject of this sketch, and Otis B., a civil engineer, who resides in Kansas City. The mother passed her declining years with her son Erastus, and died at the age of ninety-three. She was a member of the Congregational church.

Erastus F. Gunn received a good education, attending the district schools, and finishing his studies at a select school and an academy. He subsequently taught in the district schools of this county for several terms. At the age of twenty-eight years he was married, and immediately assumed charge of his father's farm, on which he resided until 1872, when he sold the property, and moved to his present home, which he purchased of Dr. Bradford.

In 1846 Mr. Gunn was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Bardwell, daughter of Moses Bardwell, a representative of an old family in this section. Mr. Bardwell formerly kept a hotel at Montague City, and later retired to a farm, where he spent the remainder of his life. His daughter, Mrs. Gunn, was one of three children. She became the mother of three, namely: Charles B., a conductor on the Rock Island Railroad, who married Addie C. Freeman, of Charleston, and had six children — Erle F., Ona May, Amy Lucy, Charles H., Allen, and Ernest George (deceased); Mary C., who married Charles O. Sawyer, formerly a school-teacher and now a commercial traveller, and has four children — William G., Leroy R., Vara H., and Alice Persis; and Alice P., wife of Frank O. Johnson, a grocer of Athol, Mass. In 1859 Mr. Gunn was called upon to mourn the loss of his faithful

and loving wife, who was called to rest at the age of forty-one years.

Mr. Gunn was formerly a member of the famous Know Nothing party, and is now independent in politics. He has been prominently identified with the local government, having served as a Selectman and Overseer of the Poor several years, and also as Assessor and Collector for a considerable length of time. He was elected Representative for his district in 1862, and was for a period of six years Assistant Assessor of United States revenues. He has been a Trial Justice since 1880, and was for thirty years a Justice of the Peace. Mr. Gunn is a member of the Congregational Society, with which his wife also was connected, and takes an active interest in all matters relative to the affairs of the church and its Sabbath-school. Although he is fast approaching fourscore, he is still mentally and physically active, and continues to maintain a lively interest in all public affairs, being, in fact, a worthy representative of the old school of country gentlemen. Mr. Gunn feels a pride in the fact that he was one of those who each furnished a colored recruit for the army in 1864, willingly paying one hundred and twenty-five dollars, although not subject to draft at that time.

RICHARD O'HARA, a leading merchant of Greenfield, dealing in boots, shoes, stationery, and periodicals, was born in Ireland, May 1, 1845; son of Richard and Mary (McKenna) O'Hara.

His parents left the green sod of their native isle in 1847, fleeing from the famine of that terrible year to America, the paradise of the poor and the oppressed. Leaving little Richard with his grandfather McKenna, they started on their long voyage with an infant

son, named John, who died on the journey, and was buried beneath the ocean's waters. The shock was too great for the poor mother, who, after they landed in Quebec, was prostrated for several weeks; and on her recovery the father was stricken with disease. They were poor in pocket, having had but one shilling of their united savings left when they stepped on American soil; and their first year in this country was a sad struggle with poverty. In 1848 they located in Greenfield, where Mr. O'Hara secured employment with the John Russell Cutlery Company; and his wife worked at anything she could find to do. He remained an employee of the cutlery company from 1852 until his death in 1871, being faithful and trustworthy in all of his duties. His wife preceded him to the better world, dying in 1858, and leaving seven children, of whom but three grew to adult life, namely: Stephen, who died in Greenfield, at the age of twenty-nine years; Mary; and Richard, the subject of this brief notice.

Richard O'Hara came to this country with his mother's sister, Miss McKenna, when he was seven years old, and joined his parents in Greenfield. He attended the common school until eleven years of age, when he entered the service of the John Russell Cutlery Company, for whom he worked about five years. In August, 1862, being then a beardless youth of seventeen, he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and about a year later re-enlisted, becoming a member of Company C, Sixty-fifth New York Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war, being discharged as Corporal. He was seasick on the voyage to Baton Rouge, but after landing was never off duty, even if a little indisposed, being determined to keep out of the hospital. He was not well for some time after his return home,

and invested a part of his savings in paying for a year's tuition at school and for the incidental expenses accruing. He subsequently entered the baby carriage factory of B. B. Noyes, for whom he worked some years, resigning the position of superintendent of the factory to open his present store in Bank Row. He has been very successful from the start. Beginning in a modest way, his first remittance to one paper having been four dollars and a half per month, he has steadily increased his business, reaching sometimes as high as one hundred and eighty dollars in the same space of time. His shoe business has been well conducted, and also nets him handsome profits. In 1867, just prior to his marriage, Mr. O'Hara bought land, and built a house in the south part of the town, his only move since that time being to his present home, which he erected in 1890. Here he has a valuable property, consisting of eight acres of choice land, and he also owns four tenement-houses at Turner's Falls. In the spring of 1895, concluding that he had paid rent long enough, he purchased the block in which his store is located. Although not a man of wealth, Mr. O'Hara has a comfortable property, and enjoys life in an unpretentious and sensible manner, one of his pleasures being a drive behind his speedy little brown mare. He is known as a man of stability, integrity, and honest purpose, and, though prospered in his undertakings, is as unassuming and unpretentious as in his early days, and may not infrequently be seen going the rounds with papers under his arm, as in the days of yore, taking the place of one of his carriers.

June 23, 1867, Mr. O'Hara was united in marriage with Ellen Bulman, a native of Ireland, the daughter of Robert and Ellen Bulman, the former of whom died in the old

country. His widow afterward immigrated to America, locating in Greenfield, where she died a quarter of a century ago, leaving four children, of whom Mrs. O'Hara and her brother James are the only survivors. Mr. and Mrs. O'Hara have an interesting family, which includes two sons and two daughters, namely: John, assistant superintendent of a life insurance company at Troy, N.Y.; Nellie E., a practical, comely, and cultured young lady, in the store with her father; James H., a mail carrier, in Greenfield; and Mary E., who was graduated from the high school in the class of 1895, and is highly accomplished, being a fine elocutionist and the possessor of great musical talent. Her elder sister is also proficient in music.

Politically, Mr. O'Hara is an independent voter. Socially, he is a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He and his family are Roman Catholic in faith, and esteemed members of the church of that denomination.

WALTER E. CLAPP, a practical farmer in good circumstances, scion of good old New England stock, residing in the town of Gill, Franklin County, Mass., was born at his present homestead, February 22, 1867, son of Elisha and Martha (Johnson) Clapp. Mr. Clapp is a descendant of the Clapp family that settled at an early day in Dorchester, where his great-grandfather, Lemuel Clapp, was born on April 9, 1735, and died December 29, 1819. An extended account of his ancestors may be found in the records of the Clapp family, published by David Clapp & Sons, of Boston, in 1876.

Richard Clapp, son of Lemuel and father of Elisha, was born in Dorchester, July 24,

1780. He was a tanner, and conducted an extensive business for his day in Dorchester. He also attained to a prominent position in public affairs, and is recorded as having served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, a member of the School Board and of the Highway Commission. Public-spirited and a consistent believer in progress, he inaugurated many reforms and departures from the old manner of town government. He married Mary Blake, daughter of Jonathan and Sara (Pierce) Blake. She was born April 1, 1784, and became the mother of twelve children, four of whom are still living. Richard Clapp died on December 26, 1861; and his wife died February 7, 1875.

Elisha Clapp was educated in the public schools of Dorchester, and commenced to learn the trade of an engraver; but, being by failing eyesight prevented from following this intention, he decided to adopt an agricultural life, for which purpose he moved to Gill in 1851, and purchased the farm of eighty acres now owned and occupied by his son. He very effectually adapted himself to agricultural pursuits, which he conducted with success. Among the many improvements made by him on his home farm was the erection of the present residence, which is one of the finest in the locality; and here he spent the remainder of his life. He died in September, 1885, at the age of sixty-three years. He was a man of much strength of character, and in many respects an earnest promoter of the community's welfare. He was a Republican in politics.

Elisha Clapp married Martha, daughter of Daniel and Sally (Ward) Johnson. Her parents were well-known and highly respected farming people of Warwick; and their family consisted of six children, four of whom are

still living, namely: Caroline, wife of Jonathan Blake, of Gill; Martha, Mrs. Clapp; Emelia, wife of Charles Conant; Sarah, who married Dwight Fuller; and James, who resides at the old homestead in Warwick. Mrs. Martha J. Clapp died in April, 1885. She was blessed with but two children—Walter E. and one who died in infancy. Mr. Clapp's parents were members of the Congregational church at Gill, in which his father held an official position.

Walter E. Clapp received his education in the schools of Gill and the academy at Bernardston. After his father's death he took charge of the homestead property, which he has since very ably conducted, and is considered by his fellow-townsmen to be one of the most progressive farmers in that section. He has about eighty acres devoted to general farming; and his pleasant home has the appearance of thrift and prosperity which betokens intelligent and careful management, and is characteristic of the successful New England farmer.

EBENEZER F. WILEY, farmer, residing on Sunderland Meadows, a pensioned veteran of the Civil War, was born in the town of Sunderland, Mass., January 12, 1840, son of Ebenezer and Adeline E. (Ball) Wiley, the former also a native of Sunderland. Mr. Wiley's paternal grandfather, who also bore the name Ebenezer, was born, it is thought, in Sudbury, Mass., but came to Sunderland when a young man; and here he spent his life as an agriculturist, dying when only fifty years of age. There is in the possession of the subject of this sketch a copy of his great-great-grandfather's will, bearing date of April 19, 1774, just a year previous to the battle of Lexington and the beginning of the Revolutionary War.



CHARLES FELTON.

Ebenezer Wiley, the second of the name, was reared to the vocation of a farmer, and assisted in the care of the home farm until the death of his father, when he became the owner of a portion of the old homestead, which is situated about a mile distant from the present residence of his son. He died at the age of eighty. His wife, Adeline Ball, was a daughter of Silas Ball, of either Amherst or Leverett; and they reared five children, of whom two are still living — Ebenezer F. and Dexter B. The mother died at the home of the former in her seventy-second year. She was a member of the Congregational church at Amherst.

Ebenezer F. Wiley lived with his parents until twenty-one years old, laying the foundation of his education in the district school, and further advancing it at Suffield Academy. After he became of age, he had worked but a year as carpenter when, in 1862, he volunteered as a Union soldier, enlisting as a private in Company F of the Thirty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, being afterward promoted to the rank of Corporal. He was in some of the hardest-fought battles of the war, being at Petersburg, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania, the seven days' battle of the Wilderness, and many other engagements. He received a wound during a skirmish at Charleston, Va., from which he was laid up in the hospital, but was afterward transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps. He was honorably discharged at Albany after a three years' service, during which he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant; and he now receives a pension of eight dollars per month from the government. Returning to Sunderland, he resumed his work as a carpenter, then went to farming, and later became the owner of his present place, a farm of forty acres of fertile land. He was married in 1867 to Mary Cut-

ler, daughter of Pickering Cutler, of Amherst, who had removed to Ohio, where she was born. Her mother, Mrs. Pickering Cutler, who is now past eighty years of age, makes her home with Mrs. Wiley, who is the only one now living of the four children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley have three children: Minnie Gilmore, who married Mr. S. B. Guertin, of Springfield, Mass., and has one child — Mildred; Grace A., who married Edward E. Wilson, an instructor in the Massachusetts State Prison, and is the mother of one child — George E.; and Harry N.

Mr. Wiley is a Republican in political affiliation. He has served his town as Assessor for four or five years, and has recently been elected to his fourth year of service as Selectman. He is a member of the E. M. Stanton Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Amherst, but has declined all offices therein. He and his family are attendants of the Congregational church at North Amherst.

CHARLES FELTON, one of the older native residents of Shutesbury, Mass., further represented in this volume by the excellent portrait which appears on the opposite page, is widely known in these parts as a well-to-do farmer and lumberman. He was born in this town, March 20, 1815, son of Charles and Catherine Felton. Mr. Felton's father was born in Deerfield, Mass., December 10, 1783, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. He moved to Shutesbury on February 15, 1815, little less than a year after his marriage, and settled upon a farm which he conducted successfully during the few remaining years of his brief life. He died April 28, 1820. His wife, whom he married May 10, 1814, was born in New Salem, Mass., August 26, 1784. They had

two sons, namely: Charles, the subject of this sketch; and John William, who was born December 23, 1817, and died May 7, 1854. Mr. Felton's mother, after living for some time a widow, became the wife of Levi Haskell. She died February 24, 1862, aged seventy-seven years. By her second marriage she had two children—Catherine C. and Franklin R.—both deceased.

Charles Felton grew to manhood in his native town, and received his education in the district schools. In 1838 he came to the farm which he now occupies, and, with the exception of a few years passed in Cooleyville, has resided here since. In young manhood he erected a saw-mill, which he operated for a number of years; and he is still the proprietor of a similar establishment. He has engaged successfully in lumbering, and during his long career has been an energetic and industrious man. His farm, which consists of two hundred acres, is in a good state of cultivation, and is a valuable piece of property.

On April 24, 1838, Mr. Felton was united in marriage to Esther T. Wheeler. She was born in New Salem, September 17, 1813, daughter of Nathan and Esther (Fish) Wheeler, the former of whom was born in New Salem, February 19, 1790; and his wife was born in New Hampshire, August 5, 1787. Nathan Wheeler was a carpenter by trade, and also followed farming, being an industrious and useful citizen. He died August 10, 1873, aged eighty-three years. His wife was the mother of six children, as follows: Esther T., who was born as above stated; Charles, born October 28, 1815; Sylvia, born May 18, 1819; Eunice, born December 8, 1824; Chloe D., born May 18, 1827; and Nancy C., born April 30, 1830. Of these, three are now living: Mrs. Felton; Chloe, now Mrs. Chamberlain, who resides in West Orange; and

Nancy, now Mrs. Lincoln, whose home is in Philadelphia. Mrs. Wheeler died September 18, 1867, aged eighty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton have five children living, namely: Dwight S., who was born December 21, 1839, and now resides in Shutesbury; Albert F., born December 17, 1842, and now a merchant and manufacturer of Orange, Mass.; Edwin O., born December 20, 1846, and now residing in Northampton, Mass.; Ora H., born August 12, 1849, a carpenter of Orange; and Carrie A., born September 27, 1857, now the wife of Walter A. Bryant, a resident of Petersham. Mr. Felton has never aspired to political honors, but was prevailed upon to serve one year as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

FRED L. BURNHAM, real estate agent and a dealer in lumber and builders' finish, has been a resident of Greenfield for twenty-seven years, and during that time has been an important factor of its manufacturing and mercantile interests. He is a native of Buxton, Me., and was born August 29, 1843. His parents were Samuel and Priscilla (Blunt) Burnham, the former a native of the town of Cape Elizabeth, Me., near Portland, born September 16, 1804, the latter of Kennebunkport, Me., born just a week later than her husband. The Burnhams are of English ancestry, descended from three brothers who emigrated from the mother country at an early period, one of them settling in Maine. He was the direct ancestor of Fred L. Burnham. The grandfather of the latter, Joel Burnham, was born in Portland in 1765, and was a boy when the British destroyed his native city. He was a well-known citizen of Cape Elizabeth, where he worked as a ship carpenter for many years, and died in 1848.

Samuel Burnham, the father of Fred L., was a Maine lumberman, and carried on his business in the towns of Buxton and Fairfield, sometimes rafting his logs down the river, and sometimes making them into lumber before disposing of them. He was a man of much ability and worth, but died while yet in the prime of a useful manhood, his death occurring in 1853. In 1829 he was united in marriage to Priscilla Blunt, and they became the parents of six children, namely: Caroline, who died at the tender age of two and one-half years; Melinda H., wife of J. L. Carll, of Greenfield; Emily M., wife of Benjamin S. Mowry, of Greenfield; James B., who died in Montague City in 1885, aged fifty-one years, leaving a widow and four sons; George, who died January 14, 1862, leaving an orphan son, his wife having passed to the silent land before he did; and Fred L., the subject of this sketch. The orphan son of George Burnham was adopted by his aunt, Mrs. Melinda H. Carll, and given the name of Walter E. Carll. He was graduated from Harvard College, and is now Professor of Anatomy at the State College of Oregon in Portland, being a man of unusual brilliancy and mental attainments.

Fred L. Burnham was ten years of age when he was deprived of a father's care and guidance; and two years later he went to live with his sister, working for his board. He attended the district school six months a year, and subsequently pursued his studies at the grammar school for a term. At the age of nineteen years he enlisted in defence of his nation's honor, joining Company D, Twenty-sixth Maine Infantry, and at the end of his term of enlistment was honorably discharged as Third Sergeant of his company, having been acting First Sergeant. Mr. Burnham had previously been engaged in the manufact-

ure of piano cases at Orange, and after his return from the seat of war he began working at the carpenter's trade, in which he met with good success, and has since made it his principal occupation, although he was for a while interested in cutlery manufacture, being one of the directors of the company, and for four and one-half years the efficient superintendent. In 1868 Mr. Burnham located in Greenfield, and for more than a score of years has been one of the foremost contractors and builders of the place. He has a pleasant home on Crescent Street, the commodious and conveniently arranged house being one of his own planning and building.

On January 7, 1864, Mr. Burnham was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Tracy, of Malone, N.Y., a daughter of Martin Tracy, and their union has been blessed by the birth of six children, of whom we chronicle the following: George G., a carpenter, residing in this town, is married, and has two sons and one daughter; Lizzie M., the wife of Myron J. Farr, of Greenfield, has two daughters; Minnie, the wife of Cullen E. Hamilton, has one daughter; Frederic W., a carpenter, is married, and lives in Greenfield; Jennie H. lives with her parents; and Walter E. is a boy of twelve years.

In his political affiliations Mr. Burnham is a strong Prohibitionist from the Republican ranks. He has been an Odd Fellow for nearly thirty years, and has passed the chairs of the lodge and the encampment; and he is prominent in the Grand Army of the Republic circles, his name being first on the roll of the charter members of the Edwin E. Day Post, which was organized in 1870. Mr. Burnham served as the first Commander of the post, holding the office three and one-half years. He is now Inspector on the Department Commander's staff, and was one of the twenty-four

delegates to the National Encampment, held at Louisville, Ky., in the summer of 1895.

SETH B. CRAFTS, a very prosperous farmer of Whately, an extensive landholder, was born in this town on August 28, 1841. He is a son of Noah Crafts, who was born in the same town on September 28, 1800, and whose father, Seth Crafts, also a native of Whately, was a son of Thomas Crafts, a native of Hatfield, who moved from that town to Whately, and settled for life upon the farm now owned and operated by his great-grandson. The farm at the death of Thomas passed into the possession of his son Seth, whose entire life was spent there. A brother of Seth Crafts kept the first hotel in the town. Noah Crafts, who was one of the survivors of a family of eleven children, six of whom were victims of malignant spotted fever, was reared to agricultural pursuits; and at the death of his father he succeeded, in company with a brother, to the old homestead. They continued to carry on the farm together with the usual prosperous results until the death of the brother in 1861 left Noah Crafts in full possession of the property. He resided here until his decease, which occurred in 1878. His wife, whose name before marriage was Nancy Wells, was a daughter of Calvin Wells, an early settler in the village of Whately, and was one of a family of five children. Mr. and Mrs. Noah Crafts were members of the Congregational church. They were the parents of three children, of whom Seth B. is the only one now living. His mother, who resided with him subsequent to his father's decease, was called to rest in the month of October, 1891, at the age of eighty-four years.

Seth B. Crafts received both a common-

school and an academic education, and resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one years. After the death of his uncle he purchased a part of the home farm, and conducted farming upon his own account until 1874, when he purchased a valuable piece of property in the town of Conway, known as the D. A. Foote farm; and this he carried on very successfully for some years, devoting his personal attention to the dairying interests. He had placed his property in Whately in charge of a competent farmer, to be operated on shares; and this arrangement continued until a disastrous conflagration destroyed his farm buildings in Conway on March 8, 1890, since which time he has resided at the old homestead in Whately. He keeps a herd of blooded Jersey cows, and conducts farming with the most satisfactory results. His property here, including the Graves farm, consists of one hundred and sixty acres of finely improved land; and this, together with the Conway farm of three hundred, which is devoted to the cultivation of tobacco and also to dairying interests, requires his entire attention.

In 1874 Mr. Crafts was united in marriage to Miss Helen Graves, daughter of Randall Graves, a well-known and prominent farmer of Whately. Mr. Crafts was formerly a Republican in politics, but now supports the Democratic party. He was elected a member of the School Committee at the age of twenty-three, and served on the board ten years. In 1871 he was elected to the legislature, in which body he served for one term. He also was upon the School Board at Conway for two years, and in March, 1891, was elected a Selectman in Whately, a position which he most admirably fills at the present time, having for the past four years been chairman of the board. He is a member of Morning Star

Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Conway, and attends the Congregational church.

EBER NASH LARABEE, a farmer of Greenfield, was born June 5, 1834, on the farm where he now resides. His father, Hart Larabee, was born in Guilford, and came to Greenfield when fifteen years of age. He inherited his farm of two hundred and fifty acres on condition that he should take care of his uncle Corse, one of the very first settlers of Greenfield, and also of Asher Corse's son's wife and her nine children — no small task for a youth of fifteen. But he manfully went to work to care for this large family, and nobly fulfilled his duty by them, giving each child at a specified time the sum agreed upon. He was a good business man and a successful farmer, and was a Captain and Lieutenant in the State militia in the old training days. In politics he was a Whig, and he was an attendant of the Unitarian church. He died on the old farm, August 29, 1854; but his widow lived until April 8, 1888. Mr. Hart Larabee was twice married, and father of four children: Eber Nash Larabee, first, died at two years of age; Hart Larabee, Jr., resides in Indiana; Harriett C. is the widow of J. K. Brown, of Bernardston; and Eber Nash Larabee, second, the eldest child of the second wife, Clarissa Nash, is the subject of this sketch.

Eber Nash Larabee got his early education in the district schools of Greenfield, and has followed the occupation of farmer all his life, and is also interested in the lumber business. He purchased his father's farm, where he now resides, and has since put up good buildings, and made many other improvements. He is a staunch Republican in politics. On April 12, 1871, he was united in marriage to

Elvira S. Phillips, who was born October 25, 1845. They have a fine family of four children: Clara, born May 9, 1872; Anna, June 25, 1874; Lizzie, February 17, 1878; and Hart, born December 4, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Larabee attend the Unitarian church at Bernardston, being liberal in their religious views.

On Mr. Larabee's farm, near the roadside, stands a monument of granite, the gift of the late Henry Childs, of Buffalo, N.Y., which was dedicated August 12, 1884, under the auspices of the P. V. & M. A., and commemorates the cruel massacre of Mrs. Eunice Williams, wife of the Rev. John Williams, in the winter of 1704. Mrs. Williams, with one hundred and eleven other captives, commenced the march of three hundred miles to Canada, in charge of the French and Indians. Their progress through the snow was necessarily slow and very fatiguing to the women and children; and Mrs. Williams, especially, soon found her strength unequal to the task. When they reached the hill above what is now Mr. Larabee's place, Mr. Williams, who had previously been separated from his wife, entreated his captor to allow him to return and help her, but was refused; and she was left to struggle along as best she might. Her brutal master, soon finding her a burden, sunk his hatchet in her head, and left her dead at the foot of the hill.

CYRUS N. DANIELS, a well-known and respected citizen of Conway, was born in Plainfield, Hampshire County, Mass., April 22, 1830. His parents were Cyrus D. and Sally (Kent) Daniels, the former of whom was a native of Plainfield, where he was successfully engaged in agriculture, spending his life on the farm where he was born. His death occurred at the age

of sixty-five years. His wife, Sally Kent, reared four children; namely, Mary Ann (Mrs. Smith), Sarah (Mrs. Barnard), Cyrus N., and John F.

Cyrus N. Daniels remained with his parents, and assisted his father on the farm until reaching the age of thirty-one years. He then came to Conway, and purchased the place on which he has since resided — a farm containing one hundred and fifty acres — which he conducts with profitable results. In early life he learned the trade of a butcher, and for thirty years has been successfully engaged in that business in connection with his agricultural duties. He began by selling his meats from an ox cart, but later on, as conditions changed, he purchased horses. He makes several trips each week through Conway and the adjoining towns, throughout which he has established an excellent trade. On May 10, 1852, Mr. Daniels was joined in marriage with Miss Lucelia A. Morse, a daughter of Alonzo Morse, a carpenter and miller of Dalton, Mass., in which place she was born and grew to womanhood. Her father and mother are no longer living, but each attained the age of eighty years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Daniels has been blessed by the birth of four children, two sons and two daughters, namely: Elmira (Mrs. Howe); William, who married Emeline Shoemaker, and has two children — Paul and Nelson; Everett, who resides at home, and assists his father in the care of the farm. The other child — Mattie Alice — died at the age of thirteen months.

JOHN WILSON WHEELER, or, as he usually writes his name, John W. Wheeler, was born in Orange, Franklin County, Mass., Tuesday, November 20,

1832. He is a son of Wilson and Catherine Holmes (Warden) Wheeler, and is the second of nine children. Wilson Wheeler was a native of Athol, and was born October 5, 1804. He died in Orange, December 26, 1887, aged eighty-three years, two months, and twenty-one days. Catherine Holmes Warden was a native of Worcester, where she was born July 8, 1805. She died in Orange, August 2, 1876, at the age of seventy-one. Wilson Wheeler and Miss Warden were married May 26, 1830.

Wilson Wheeler removed to Orange with his father, Zaccheus Wheeler, about 1823, and lived there most of the remainder of his life, though in the practice of his trade as carpenter and builder he spent two years or more in Winchendon. He was a farmer as well as a carpenter, and for the last part of his active life he devoted himself to farming exclusively. When a young man, he was Constable and Collector of the town for several years; and from 1852 to 1867 he was Deputy Sheriff for Eastern Franklin County. Wilson Wheeler was short of stature, but firmly built and a man of great endurance. He was hardly ever known to be sick; and in physical soundness his son is like him, though in personal appearance perhaps more resembling the mother's family. The ancestors of John W. Wheeler on both sides were mostly mechanics or farmers; but his paternal great-grandfather — who, as well as his grandfather, was named Zaccheus — was a merchant in New York City. A maternal uncle was also a merchant in Worcester. It is interesting to notice how the commercial instinct again appeared in the subject of this sketch, and led him, in spite of early training in other directions, to become first a storekeeper and afterward one of the managers of a large manufacturing enterprise.



JOHN W. WHEELER.

His educational advantages were of the most limited character, and were confined to the district schools of his native town, with a few terms of select school taught by Beriah W. Fay, now of New Salem. The terms of the district school were short, and many more weeks during the years of Mr. Wheeler's boyhood and youth were spent in work than in school. Such educational facilities as were to be had were improved much as by the average boy, and Mr. Wheeler remembers no particular preference for any branch of study. He recalls much more vividly the labor and small expedients he was forced to, in order to earn a little money for himself. It was the day of small things, his parents, like most of their neighbors, being able to afford the necessities of life for their large family, but not much else; and John W., the eldest son, does not remember ever receiving a dollar in money from his father.

As a lad, he was brought up to work both at farming and carpentering, though neither occupation was congenial to him. But, nothing better offering, he worked for a year or two at the carpenter's bench after reaching his majority. Then he gladly accepted an opportunity to enter mercantile life, and took a place in the grocery store of Joseph Baldwin, of Fitchburg, at one hundred and twenty-five dollars a year and his board. At the close of the year his employer voluntarily made the amount one hundred and fifty dollars, to show his appreciation of faithful service. This year and part of the year before, when working as a carpenter, also at Fitchburg, constitute the longest periods Mr. Wheeler has spent away from his native town. Returning to Orange in May, 1856, he took a place in the general store of Daniel Pomeroy; and he remained in his employ three years. Then he succeeded his employer in the busi-

ness, which he conducted for three years longer. When he closed it out, he found he had made little beyond his living expenses, but he had established the reputation of a young business man of ability and integrity; and after a year's clerkship in the claim agency office of D. E. Cheney, two of the leading men of the village, Mr. Cheney and R. E. Carpenter, were glad to loan him about two thousand dollars, on his personal security, to buy A. J. Clark's grocery store. This venture was abundantly successful, and was only given up, in 1867, to enter the firm of A. F. Johnson & Co., who had recently started, in a small way, the business of making sewing-machines in Orange.

When Mr. Wheeler thus began what was to be the great work of his life, he was thirty-five years old and in the prime of vigorous manhood. Without ever possessing a very robust physique, being of medium stature and slender form, weighing only about one hundred and thirty-five pounds, Mr. Wheeler is blessed with a sound body as well as an active mind, and has had the ambition to make the most of himself in whatever engaged. He has also an equable temperament, wasting no strength in worrying, but has always been capable of the hardest kind of work, and has proved himself to possess great endurance. Always temperate in his habits and moderate in his desires, he was able to meet the opportunity offered him with all his matured powers, and turn it to the best advantage. And there was need of all his resources. The sewing-machine business was in the experimental stage. Johnson & Co. employed only about forty men, and their product was small. There was trouble about patents, and the style and name of the machine were several times changed. The firm itself was changed in 1869 to a corporation with the

name, "Gold Medal Sewing Machine Company," Mr. Wheeler being the secretary and treasurer. In January, 1882, the name was changed again to "The New Home Sewing Machine Company." Of this company Mr. Wheeler is vice-president as well as secretary and treasurer; and from the beginning he has been the financial manager of the firm or company, under whatever name. He has seen the business grow from small beginnings till it now employs nearly six hundred men, and turns out about four hundred sewing-machines every working day.

For years Mr. Wheeler did the work of several men in the office; but recently he has been able to trust the details to a well-organized corps of assistants, and to take an active interest and part in other business or enterprises, chiefly those which are of value to the growth and well-being of Orange. He is President of the Orange Savings Bank — which has over three-quarters of a million dollars on deposit — as well as President of the Orange National Bank. He was President of the Orange Power Company, a corporation organized a few years ago to build a large shoe-shop, as an inducement to Jay B. Reynolds, a Brockton manufacturer, to bring a new industry to the town, and President of the Orange Board of Trade; and Mr. Wheeler has himself built a large shop alongside the railroad in the east part of the village, fully equipped with steam-power, which is rented to the National Keg and Box Company. This company already employs a large number of hands, and the shop has a capacity of employing two hundred or more men. Houses are rapidly going up in the vicinity, many of them built by the owner of the property; and this important suburb is appropriately named Wheeler. But Mr. Wheeler's business activity and reputation are not confined to his

own town. He is President of the Boston Mutual Life Association, and a Director of the Athol & Orange Street Railway Company, as well as of The Leavitt Machine Company, the latter a corporation doing a successful business in Orange.

Mr. Wheeler was married October 9, 1856, to Almira E. Johnson, one of the seven daughters of Daniel and Almira Porter Johnson, of North Orange. The marriage ceremony was performed at the home of the bride by the Rev. Hosea Ballou. Three children have blessed this union, all daughters. Only one, Marion L., the oldest, survives, and with her husband, John B. Welch, continues to have her home in her father's house. The other children, Clara Jane and Rosa A., died in infancy. One of the founders of Orange Lodge of Masons in 1859, Mr. Wheeler was its first Secretary, and afterward its Treasurer. He is a member of Crescent Royal Arch Chapter, was for several years its Treasurer, and is also a member of Orange Commandery, Knights Templars.

It goes almost without saying that so busy a man as Mr. Wheeler has had little time to devote to the demands of society. Still, he is social by nature, enjoys meeting his friends in an informal way, and, when he allows himself to throw aside the cares of business, is an entertaining companion. He is on the most familiar terms with his neighbors, having none of the purse pride that is so offensive; and the companions of his boyhood still call him "John," as when they went to school and played together. Mr. Wheeler has always been a consistent Republican, taking an earnest and active interest in the success of his party, but has held office less frequently than his townsmen would have been glad to have him hold it. From 1861 to 1867 he was Town Clerk of Orange, and in 1864 was

appointed by Governor Andrew a Justice of the Peace. In 1866 he was one of the Selectmen of the town, and in 1876 was elected to the legislature from the First Franklin District, serving on the Committee on Finance. In 1888 he was one of the delegates from the Eleventh District to the National Convention at Chicago which nominated Harrison and Morton.

In addition to his other business interests, Mr. Wheeler owns a large farm near Orange village, which from the beauty of its situation is called Grand View. It may be doubted if the farm is as profitable as some other of his business enterprises; but he greatly enjoys his residence upon it in the summer, and gets rest and recreation in directing its cultivation. His attention is especially turned to the breeding of fine horses and cattle, and lovers of good stock always feel repaid by a visit to his stables. During the year 1891 Mr. Wheeler was President of the Worcester North-west Agricultural and Mechanical Society at Athol; and the secretary of the society, in the annual report, paid this fitting tribute to the value of his services: "The enthusiasm of President John W. Wheeler, his endeavors to promote the success of the fair by his exhibit of fine-bred stock and the elegant art display of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, and the interest he manifested in various ways to have the celebration a success commensurate with its importance, demonstrate his eminent fitness for the position."

One of the most noticeable traits of Mr. Wheeler is his strong affection for his native town. He has never been abroad, but he has travelled in every part of our own country in the interest of his vast business; and he always comes back with increased love for Orange. It is this passion for his home that

still keeps him active in new industries, when he might justly seek relief from business cares, having already accomplished so much. The new manufacturing suburb that he has established at Wheeler has already been alluded to. Another enterprise in which he takes just pride is the laying out of a large tract of land north of the village into streets and building lots. This is known as Orange Highlands, and from the advantages of its situation it cannot help becoming the favorite residence portion of the town. And, if he lives and has his health, it is safe to say that Orange has yet to learn of more plans for her benefit from her most distinguished son, the subject of the foregoing sketch and of the lifelike portrait to be seen in close proximity hereto.

FREDERICK E. PIERCE, Postmaster at Greenfield, Franklin County, Mass., a valued and respected citizen of the town, is a native of Iowa, born in Glenwood, May 5, 1862, but is of New England ancestry. His parents were William and Ellen A. (Coates) Pierce, the former a native of Northampton, the latter of Vernon, Vt.; and his paternal grandfather, George Pierce, was born in Northampton in the latter part of the last century. (For further ancestral history see the sketch of George Pierce on another page of this work.)

William Pierce, the father of our subject, was born August 7, 1828. He was a tinsmith by trade, and followed that occupation in the vicinity of his home for some years. In 1856 he went to the West, settling in Glenwood, Ia., where he carried on a very successful business for about ten years. He won a position among the foremost men of the place, and was very influential in the management of local affairs, serving as an Alderman of the

city and filling the responsible office of County Treasurer. In 1866, his health becoming impaired, he returned with his family to Greenfield, where his death occurred the following year. Mr. Pierce was a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Chapter Mason. He was interested in military matters, and during the progress of the late Rebellion drilled a company of men, and was chosen Captain, but did not pass the requisite physical examination. His widow, whose maiden name was Ellen A. Coates, is still living, tenderly cared for by her children, to whom she has devoted the better part of her life, finding her greatest happiness in so doing. She was born October 25, 1827, and is the daughter of John B. and Demeris (Briggs) Coates. Mr. Coates was formerly engaged in farming at Bernardston, Mass., and in Guilford, Vt. He was twice married, and reared seven children, of whom Mrs. Pierce is the only one now living. Mr. and Mrs. William Pierce became the parents of four children, one of whom, Henry, died at the age of eight months. The record of those living is as follows: William T. is a resident of Delton, Barry County, Mich.; Nettie A. is a successful and esteemed teacher in Greenfield; and Frederick E. is the subject of this brief personal narrative.

Frederick E. Pierce received a good education, graduating from the Greenfield High School in 1882, and is well informed on all topics of general interest. He entered the post-office when quite young, acting as clerk under the *régime* of Postmaster Merriam, and was Assistant Postmaster under Mr. Hamilton for one year. He was next employed at the First National Bank, remaining there as clerk, book-keeper, and teller for eleven years, resigning to accept his present position, to which he was appointed August 2,

1894, by President Cleveland. In the discharge of his duties since that time Mr. Pierce has met with general approval.

Socially, Mr. Pierce is popular and prominent among the Masons, being a Knight Templar, and having been High Priest of the Chapter two years and Treasurer of the Republican Lodge two years. Like his father, he takes an active interest in military affairs, and during the past four years has filled the office of Captain of Company L, Second Regiment of the State militia. Another member of the Pierce family has a military record, an uncle, named Henry Pierce, having served during the Civil War, first as Captain of a company; and afterward he was brevetted Major. This same uncle was also a man of high mental attainments and some literary note, one of his works being a translation of Homer's Iliad.

WILLIAM SIDNEY SEVERANCE, M.D., a homœopathic physician of Greenfield and a man of prominence in his profession, was born in Leyden, Franklin County, Mass., March 24, 1820. He is the son of Chester and Martha (Smith-Nash) Severance, natives of Greenfield, and on the paternal side is descended from one of the early settlers of Massachusetts, the first ancestor of whom he has any definite knowledge being one John Severance, who was married in Ipswich, England, in 1634, to Abigail Kimball, and three years later immigrated to America with his family, landing at Boston, Mass., and afterward became one of the founders of the town of Salisbury. He was a noted man in his day, at the forefront of all social and business enterprises, and was a charter member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, which was organized in America the first Monday in June, 1638.

The next in line of descent was John Severance (second), who was followed by Joseph (first). Then came Joseph Severance (second), after him being Matthew Severance, Sr., the great-grandfather of the Doctor. He was born in June, 1735, and after attaining his majority removed to Greenfield, Mass., where he married Experience Nash, a daughter of Daniel Nash. Matthew Severance was a soldier during the French and Indian War, being a member of Captain Burbank's company, and met with some thrilling adventures. He was at one time captured by the Indians while out on a scouting expedition at Sabbath Point on Lake George, N.Y., and carried thence to Canada, where, it is said, he ran the gauntlet of a long double file of dusky savages, and when nearly at the end was felled by a blow from a squaw, but quickly recovered himself, and gave her a kick that prostrated her, a feat for which he was lionized by the redskins. He soon afterward escaped to the woods, and hid from his pursuers in a hollow log, going in feet first, and covering the entrance with leaves and weeds, so that he was not discovered, although he heard the Indians on the log. He did not dare venture out for several days, but finally made his escape. In the early part of the present century he removed with his family, which included his son Matthew and his grandson Chester, to Leyden, Mass., and was thereafter a resident of that town.

Matthew Severance, Jr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in Greenfield, July 11, 1765. He purchased one hundred acres of land in Leyden; and the property is still in the possession of the family, being owned and occupied by C. C. Severance, an uncle of the Doctor. Matthew Severance was commonly known as Captain Severance, having been Captain of a company of the State militia.

While a resident of Greenfield, he was married to Mary Welles, the ceremony taking place in that town, November 25, 1784. Four daughters and six sons were born to them, of whom four sons and three daughters grew to adult life. Matthew Severance and his wife died in Leyden, where they were numbered among the most respected citizens.

Chester Severance, Dr. Severance's father, who was born April 20, 1799, was but little more than six years of age when his parents removed to Leyden. Following in the footsteps of his ancestors, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the influential and well-to-do farmers of the vicinity. He was also very prominent in local affairs, filling satisfactorily the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Collector. He died in 1885. Chester Severance married Mrs. Martha Nash (*née* Smith), daughter of Elijah Smith, of Greenfield. Mrs. Severance died in Leyden in 1860. Seven children were born of their union, one of whom died in infancy. Three sons and one daughter are now living, namely: Adaliza, wife of John M. Thayer, of Rochester, N.Y.; William Sidney, the subject of this sketch; Chester Welles, a prosperous farmer of Leyden; and Charles E., a practising physician of Brattleboro, Vt. The mother had one son by her first marriage — Robert S. Nash — a farmer, whose last days were spent in retirement in Edinburg, Ill. He lived to be over fourscore, dying April 21, 1895.

Dr. William S. Severance spent the first years of his life on the home farm, attending the district school, and later the Goodell Academy at Bernardston and the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham. At the age of eighteen years he began teaching, and was thus employed three terms, his last school being at Nash's Mills in Greenfield. Finding neither

farming nor teaching congenial to his taste, he began to read medicine in Greenfield in 1849; and in February, 1853, he was graduated from the Cincinnati Medical College. Dr. Severance began the practice of his profession at once, locating in the town of Hinsdale, N.H., but after a few months found a more favorable opening at Shelburne Falls, Mass., where he remained eight years. The following two years the Doctor practised in Vernon, Vt.; and in 1864 he removed to Greenfield, buying his present home at 26 Main Street. During his residence in the town he has won a fair share of the patronage of the best people of the locality. He has gained a wide reputation as a skilful and able practitioner, with a profound knowledge of the causes and cures of the various ailments to which mankind are subjected.

Mr. Severance was married November 24, 1853, to Martha Elizabeth Lyman, of Northfield, a daughter of Captain Thomas Lyman, who was a soldier of the War of 1812, going from Northfield to Boston on foot, to enlist, and returning in the same manner. Three children have been born into their pleasant household, namely: William L., born September 17, 1858; an infant who died March 1, 1866; and Charles Dore, born December 16, 1868. In the care of his large business, which is ever increasing, Dr. Severance has now the assistance of his elder son, Dr. William Lyman Severance, who is a graduate of the Vermont Medical Society, and who has also attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. The younger son, Charles Dore, who is a graduate of the Poughkeepsie Business College, is now a book-keeper for Wells Brothers & Co., hardware manufacturers, of Greenfield.

In politics Dr. Severance is an uncompromising Republican. Although no office-

seeker, he served while in Vernon, Vt., as superintendent of schools. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar, and has been through all the chairs of the lodge, chapter, and commandery. The Doctor has likewise passed all the chairs in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is still a member of the order.

GARDNER J. OAKES, an enterprising contractor and builder of Bernardston, was born September 29, 1840, in Guilford, Vt. His father, Gardner Oakes, was a native of Bolton, Mass., born in 1807, and was the son of James and Sarah (Wilker) Oakes, the former of Bolton and the latter a native of Sudbury, Mass. Eight children were born to the grandparents, seven of whom they reared. But one is now living, James Oakes, a retired carpenter, who resides at Hamden, Conn., and is enjoying life at the advanced age of seventy-seven years.

Gardner Oakes, the father of the subject of this sketch, was an industrious man, and with his brother Emery was engaged for some years in boating on the Hudson Canal. In 1837 he was united in wedlock with Celia Stoddard, a daughter of Levi and Lizzie (Fairman) Stoddard, of Vernon, Vt.; and they became the parents of two children, the elder being Eunice, wife of William Brown, of Vernon. On the 1st of October, just after the birth of his son Gardner J., Mr. Oakes passed to the world beyond. He was then but thirty-three years of age, a fine-looking man, tall, straight, and of a clear, dark complexion. His son resembles him in regard to form and stature only, having inherited the fair skin and blue eyes of his mother. Mrs. Oakes was subsequently married to Justice Clark, of Bernardston, by whom she had three children:

Solomon, who died in infancy; Henry and Charles Clark, both of whom are engaged in agricultural pursuits at the place of their nativity. The mother lived to the ripe age of eighty-one years, dying in 1892, and was laid to rest beside her first husband in the Bernardston cemetery.

Gardner J. Oakes was an infant of six weeks when his mother removed to Bernardston, and in that town he grew to maturity. He received good educational advantages, attending the district school throughout the entire year the first ten years of his school age, and was afterward a pupil of the winter school until seventeen years old. On the farm he became conversant with the art and science of agriculture, and when twenty years of age started to learn the carpenter's trade, for which he had a special predilection, one of the articles always found among his boyhood playthings having been a gimlet, which he used indiscriminately. In 1863 Mr. Oakes was drafted for the army, but paid three hundred dollars for a substitute, working out this sum at the armory at Watertown, N.Y., where he assisted in the manufacture of guns, and at Slatersville, R.I., in the factory of Mansfield & Lamb, where he worked on swords. In 1865 he returned to the old home at Bernardston, and looked after the interests of his sixty-acre farm for a while; but, finding carpentering more to his taste, he resumed his trade, working by the day for ten years or so. In 1875 Mr. Oakes started in business as a contractor and builder, with his older sons as efficient helpers, among his notable works being the fine Conant residence at Turner's Falls, the Riverside Hall at Riverside, and a number of houses in Greenfield.

March 11, 1862, Mr. Oakes was married to Selena M. Courtney, a daughter of James Courtney, of Chazy, N.Y., the ceremony being

performed in Rhode Island, and their union has been blessed by the birth of six children, namely: Robert H., who is in business with his father, and is married; Madora B., who was educated at Powers Institute, has taught school, and is now at home with her parents; Walter S., a machinist, who lives with his father and mother; Herbert C., who has just attained his majority, a carpenter, associated with his father; Frank L., now a student at Powers Institute; and Lyman E., a boy of fourteen years, a pupil in the same school.

Mr. Oakes is a strong Democrat, being a firm believer in the principles supported by that party. He takes a deep interest in promoting the welfare of the town and county, and encourages all enterprises conducive to the public benefit, but as yet has held no public office except that of Highway Surveyor and Sealer of Weights and Measures. He has contributed materially to the industrial interests of the town, and is universally known as a man of strict integrity and upright principles.

ALBERT J. SMART, Superintendent of the Wiley & Russell Mill at Greenfield, has occupied his present responsible position the larger part of the time for twenty-one years, being a most capable and efficient business man. He was born at South New Market, N.H., July 26, 1849, and is a son of Joseph N. Smart, a lifelong resident of that town, born in 1811.

Joseph N. Smart was early left an orphan, his father dying from lockjaw, caused by running a fork tine through his foot on falling from a haymow. He was bred to agricultural pursuits, and also learned the stone mason's trade, at which he worked for many years after his marriage, finding it more profitable and more congenial than tilling the soil. In

1842 he was married to Mary J. Langley, also of South New Market, and to him and his wife five children were born, namely: Frances F., wife of W. S. Rundlett, superintendent of a sugar refinery in Baltimore, Md.; Albert J., the subject of this personal notice; James S., a brass finisher and manufacturer of automatic dampers and regulators at Salem, Mass., senior partner of the firm of Smart & Spencer; Mary Jane, who died when six years old; and Georgia M., wife of Frank L. Durell, a machinist in South New Market. Both parents lived until well advanced in years, the mother passing away April 9, 1886, and the father some four years later.

Albert J. Smart received his schooling in the New Hampshire town in which he was born, and at the age of fifteen years began working at the machinist's trade in the same place. Leaving home, he went to Lowell, Mass., where he was employed until 1869 by Pratt, Grant & Co., for whom he worked a year. Going thence to Miller's Falls, Mr. Smart followed his chosen occupation until 1873, when he entered the employ of the Greenfield firm for whom he is now superintendent. Mr. Smart has shown marked ability as an executive officer, and, having started in life without cash capital, has, by his own exertions, excellent management, and good judgment, won his way to affluence and influence. In addition to being superintendent of the mill, he is a stockholder and director of the Wiley & Russell Company.

Mr. Smart has been three times married. His first wife, Augusta L. Cloudman, of South New Market, to whom he was united October 19, 1869, died without issue in January, 1875, aged twenty-nine years. On March 21, 1876, he married Julia J. Frary, of Greenfield; and after three years of happiness she passed to the brighter land,

November 29, 1879, at the age of thirty-six years. Mr. Smart's third marriage took place January 20, 1881, Miss Ada F. Hill, of North Bridgton, Me., becoming his wife. She is a daughter of John and Martha (Greenleaf) Hill, the former of whom died October 12, 1893. Mrs. Smart is one of ten children, two of whom died in infancy. Her mother, Mrs. Hill, now an active woman of seventy-three years, still lives at the family home in North Bridgton. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Smart has been blessed by the birth of four children, one of whom passed to the higher life after a brief sojourn on earth. The living are: Charles Edwin, born November 19, 1882; Roy, born November 1, 1883; and Albert J., born March 26, 1890.

Mr. Smart is strongly Republican in his political views. He never shirks responsibility, but has served in the various minor offices of the town, and has been a member of the Town Committee for many years. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, but is affiliated with no other social organization, being domestic in his tastes and enjoying most the comforts of his home. His residence, which he purchased in 1888, is at 38 Conway Street; and there, surrounded by his interesting family, he spends the most of his leisure time.

MILO A. THOMPSON, a successful farmer in Colerain, and the scion of an old and respected family of the vicinity, was born on the farm where he now resides, January 8, 1837. He is the son of Levi and Margaret (Wilson) Thompson, and received his broad acres from his father, to whom they were bequeathed by the grandfather, who came into possession of the estate on the death of the great-grandfather. The

latter took possession when that part of the country was in a primeval state, when the forests were the home of wild beasts, when game was plenty, and when

"The wild deer arched his neck from glades, and then, Unhunted, sought his woods and wilderness again."

The stealthy footfall of the Indian was no infrequent sound as the pioneer worked bravely to establish a home, felling the trees to make a clearing and to build his log house. Grandfather Thompson took up the work where his father left off, carrying on general farming for the support of the family. He was a hard-working man and an exemplary citizen. In politics he was a Whig. In religious views he was liberal. He lived to a good age, dying at the homestead. His wife, Jennie, was the mother of a large family. She, too, lived to a good age.

Levi Thompson, the father of our subject, also spent his days upon the home farm, living one year longer than the allotted three-score and ten. He followed closely in his father's footsteps, voting the Republican ticket, and holding liberal views in regard to religion. He served as Selectman, and filled various minor offices, winning respect from all who knew him. His wife, Margaret (Wilson) Thompson, lived to be seventy-one years old. They had eight children, only three of whom are now living, namely: Cordelia, now the wife of George Patterson, of Colerain; Milo, our subject; and David B., in Wisconsin. Elizabeth, Velora, Mary A., and Russell died some time since.

Milo A. Thompson was born and brought up on the farm, receiving his education in the district school. He has devoted his life to farming, and has his two hundred acres in a high state of cultivation, with good buildings, the large barn, which was built in 1893, being

especially well planned. His house is one of the oldest in the vicinity, and the solid timbers are good for many a coming year. The old-fashioned rooms have an air of hospitable comfort not to be found in the modern dwelling-house, and the *tout ensemble* breathes of well-preserved respectability.

On December 29, 1871, Mr. Thompson was married to Eunice J., daughter of Oliver and Cynthia Holland, of New York State, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have five children, as follows: Ozro A., Levi H., Myron A. and Myra A., the latter two being twins, and George M.—all at home with their parents.

Like his father, Mr. Thompson votes the Republican ticket, and is liberal in religious opinions, "judging no man, but filled with charity toward all." He is an indefatigable worker, and is winning the success his industry deserves.

RICHARD N. OAKMAN, JR., who occupies a prominent position among the influential and respected business men of Franklin County, was born in the town of Hawley, Franklin County, Mass., September 23, 1843, son of Richard N. and Julia P. (Hawkes) Oakman.

Richard N. Oakman, Sr., who was a son of Joseph Oakman, was born in the town of Wendell, Franklin County, Mass., in 1817. In 1842 he married Julia P., daughter of Ichabod and Paulina Hawkes, of Hawley; and they are now living in Montague, honored and respected residents of the place. They reared a family of four children, of whom the following is chronicled: Richard N., our subject, is the eldest child; J. Kate, who was educated at Holyoke Seminary, now resides with her parents at Montague; Nellie P. is the wife of

E. A. Taft, of Greenfield; and Frank H., a graduate of Powers Institute at Bernardston, is Treasurer of the Cutlery Manufacturing Company at Shelburne Falls.

Richard N. Oakman, Jr., is a man of scholarly attainments, having been a student at Powers Institute and Williams College. He began his business career as a book-keeper in a bank at Kenosha, Wis., going from there to La Salle, Ill., where he was employed in the same capacity for a coal mining company. Returning East, Mr. Oakman was engaged as clerk and book-keeper for a cutlery manufacturing company in New York City for some time. He afterward spent some years in the South, being at first treasurer of a coal mining company in Alabama, and subsequently Deputy Collector of Customs at Charleston, S.C. In 1872 Mr. Oakman again came North, and accepted the position of Cashier of the Crocker National Bank at Turner's Falls. In 1874 he became Treasurer of the John Russell Cutlery Company, resigning in 1889 to go abroad. The following three years he spent in Europe, engaged in gas furnace engineering, a business with which he is still connected. His financial ability has always met with ready recognition; and he has been interested in various stock companies officially, being now President of the Lamson & Goodnow Manufacturing Company of Shelburne Falls, and likewise of the A. F. Towle & Son Company, silversmiths, of Greenfield.

On March 17, 1868, Mr. Oakman was united in marriage with Miss Sarah E. Clark, of Exeter, N.H.; and the only child born of their union is Anna O., the wife of Frederick H. Newton, of Holyoke.

Politically, Mr. Oakman affiliates with the Republican party. He is a Past Master of Mechanics Lodge of Turner's Falls, has served as District Deputy Grand Master, and

is a Past Eminent Commander of Connecticut Valley Commandery, Knights Templars. In religious belief he is a Presbyterian. He occupies a pleasant home at the corner of Church and High Streets, into which he moved in 1886. Mr. Oakman is a man of intelligence, untiring industry, and superior executive ability, qualities which have proved of the highest service to him in his business career.

HENRY N. WARNER, whose portrait here attracts the reader's attention, is a worthy representative of the farming and stock-raising interests of the western part of Franklin County. He is a native resident of Charlemont, having been born on August 13, 1840. In devoting himself to agricultural pursuits, Mr. Warner has followed in the footsteps of his father, Newton G. Warner, and his grandfather, Newton Warner. The latter was an active and thrifty farmer of the town of Rowe, where he and his wife, formerly Rachel Cobb, lived to advanced years, and at their decease left three children: Newton G., Daniel, and Mrs. R. Williams.

Newton G. Warner was born April 6, 1815, in the town of Rowe, and remained beneath the parental roof-tree until attaining his majority, receiving a practical training in the pioneer labor of clearing and improving a farm. After his marriage, being desirous of establishing a home of his own, he bought the one-hundred-and-fifty-acre farm now owned by Fred Churchill, and worked on it faithfully during the next decade. Disposing of that property, he then removed to Montague, where he engaged in teaming for several years, coming thence in 1848 to Charlemont, where he purchased the Bradford place, consisting of a choice piece of property on the river flat and the Charlemont hotel. Selling



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the hotel, he retained the ownership of the land and house on the flat, and moved into the dwelling after having it rebuilt and enlarged. He subsequently bought the Riddle farm of one hundred and sixty acres, much of which was covered with standing timber. This he converted into lumber, which he sold at good advantage; and, after that was all cut off, he sold the land. His next undertaking was the raising of tobacco, in which he was very successful, the low land being particularly adapted for that purpose. He also owned twenty-five acres of good pasture; and this he utilized by purchasing cattle, which he fed, fitting them for market, carrying on an extensive business in this line until his death, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was one of the valued citizens of the town, and an influential member of the Democratic party, with which he uniformly cast his vote. He was a liberal in religious belief.

On November 16, 1836, he married Mary Harris, who was born March 19, 1814, in the town of Charlemont, daughter of David and Thankful (Williams) Harris. Her father was an enterprising farmer, and continued active in his independent occupation until within eight years of his death, which occurred at the advanced age of fourscore and four years. His widow survived him, dying at the venerable age of eighty-five years. They were the parents of several children, eight of whom grew to adult life, namely: Semantha, David, Alma, Mary, Elvira, Irene, Lemuel, and Caroline. Mr. Harris was a Whig in politics during his younger years, and on the formation of the Republican party became one of its strongest allies. He was a member of the Baptist church. Mrs. Mary H. Warner, though upward of fourscore years of age, is in good health, and evidently enjoys keeping in touch with the living interests of

to-day. Of the children born to her three — Catherine, George, and Moses — died before two years of age. The survivors are: Henry N.; Charles M., a carpenter at Waltham, who married Julia J. Huston, and has one child — Alice; William L., a farmer at Charlemont, who married Marion Stanford, and has three children — Frederick W., Marion E., and Mary E.; Sarah F., a woman of artistic taste and practical ability, the leading milliner of Charlemont; and Mary J., who married David W. Temple, of Shelburne Falls, and has two children — Ruth and Robert.

Henry N. Warner acquired an excellent common-school education, and on the home farm received a thorough training in all branches of agricultural industry. He remained at home until twenty-two years old, with the exception of a short time when he worked in the match factory. After his first marriage he bought the one-hundred-acre farm now owned by M. M. Mantor; and during the twenty-eight years that he owned it he made substantial improvements, and carried on a thriving business in raising and fattening cattle, which, before the days of Western competition, was a lucrative business. He also raised and broke steers for use in farm labor, sometimes selling seventeen hundred dollars' worth a year. In 1891 Mr. Warner traded his property for the old homestead estate on the flats, the house and buildings having been rebuilt just before according to modern styles and conveniences, the property now being one of the choicest and most valuable in the locality, giving evidence of the thrift and good management of the owner.

Mr. Warner and Miss Sarah Sherman, daughter of Jacob Sherman, a farmer and stage driver, of Rowe, were united in marriage on January 1, 1862. Mrs. Sarah S.

Warner passed to the higher existence March 22, 1889, being then fifty years, six months, and two days old. She bore her husband five children, of whom we record the following: Minnie E., born May 14, 1868, is the wife of Allie Oaks, of Fitchburg; Allen was born September 12, 1871; Rosa A. was born October 27, 1873; Flora E. was born August 24, 1876; and Katie M., who was born November 16, 1865, died September 1, 1870. On December 25, 1890, Mr. Warner married for his second wife Ann Eliza Stetson, a daughter of Sylvester Stetson, a Plainfield farmer. Mr. Warner is numbered among the prominent members of the agricultural community of Charlemont, where his straightforward business methods and promptness in meeting all of his obligations have won for him the confidence and esteem of his fellow-townsmen. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare and progress of his native town, and has served acceptably for fifteen years as Deputy Sheriff.

EDWIN STRATTON, who has been Registrar of Deeds at Greenfield since 1880, is a native of Franklin County, Northfield being the place of his birth, which occurred September 17, 1815. His parents were Elihu and Electa (Holton) Stratton, both natives of Northfield (now Erving), Mass. Northfield was the home of his ancestors for several generations. His grandparents, Rufus and Asenath (Field) Stratton, were lifelong and prominent residents of that town, and among the most prosperous members of its farming community. They reared a family of five children—four sons and one daughter.

Elihu Stratton, the father of our subject, was born in 1795. He likewise was inter-

ested in agricultural pursuits, and owned a good farm in Northfield. His wife, Electa Holton, was a daughter of Elisha Holton, a respected farmer of Northfield (now Erving), Mass. Four children were born to them, namely: Elijah, for many years an active physician of Northfield, who died when little past his prime, leaving two sons and two daughters; Elihu, who, always of a frail and delicate constitution, died at the age of twenty-one years; Edwin, the subject of this sketch; and Elisha, who owns and occupies the old homestead at Northfield. The latter had one son, Everett Stratton, who died in young manhood. Both of the parents died in Northfield, the mother in the prime of life; and their bodies were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Northfield Farms.

Edwin Stratton attended the public school of the district, completing his school life at the village academy, and just before attaining his majority started out in life for himself, working on farms during the seasons of sowing and harvesting, and teaching school in the winter. In 1846 Mr. Stratton entered the employ of the Vermont & Massachusetts Railway Company at Grout's Corners (now Miller's Falls), in the town of Montague. He worked as a draughtsman in the office that winter; and the following spring went on the line of construction, having charge of a division, with headquarters at Gardner, Worcester County. Three years later Mr. Stratton assisted in the survey of the Troy & Greenfield Railway, being stationed at Greenfield. He was next engaged as chief engineer during the construction of the Cape Cod Central road, going thence to Worcester to take the place of the chief engineer of the Worcester & Gardner Railway, who was accidentally killed, and remaining two years with that company. Mr. Stratton's next engagement

was with the Massachusetts Central Company, as an assistant in its location and construction, continuing with them some years. From 1855 until 1857 he was in the West, being one of the surveyors of the Manitowoc & Menasha Railway, and subsequently of the Logansport & Peoria Railroad in Indiana. He was likewise one of the party that surveyed the line of the Hoosac Tunnel over the hill, and had the distinction of being the first man to go through the mountain. In 1880 Mr. Stratton was elected to his present office, and has made himself such a general favorite in his official capacity that he has been elected every three years since, and during the heated campaign of 1894 received a handsome majority of the votes.

On May 16, 1854, Mr. Stratton was united in marriage to Jane Smith Fuller, a daughter of Farnum Fuller, of North Adams; and their pleasant home circle has been brightened by the birth of three children, namely: Jennie R., who married George E. Heath, of Fitchburg, Mass., and has two children—a son and a daughter; Lottie E., an active and accomplished woman, educated at the Shelburne Falls Academy, and now Assistant Registrar of Deeds in the office with her father; and Edwin F., an official in the Northampton Savings Bank.

Mr. Stratton is an active member of the Republican party. He is highly esteemed as a man and a citizen, and is prominent in social organizations, being a Chapter Mason and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife hold liberal views on the subject of religion, and are valued members of the Unitarian Society. They have a beautiful home on Highland Avenue, into which they moved during the winter of 1888, Mr. Stratton having erected it the previous year.

JAMES HALLIGAN, a prominent resident of Shelburne Falls, Mass., Superintendent of the Lamson & Goodnow Manufacturing Company's Cutlery Works at this place, was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, September 6, 1839, son of James S. Halligan. His grandfather, Joseph Halligan, who was a lawyer by profession, taught school for some time in England. The wife of Joseph Halligan died in the mother country; and, after his son came to America, he also crossed the Atlantic. Coming to Franklin County, he opened an evening school in Greenfield. But his life of useful activity soon drew to a close. One evening, while running upstairs after a book, he dropped dead from heart disease, being at that time sixty-four years old. His children were: Mary and James S., twins; Joseph, who died in Greenfield; and Mary, who is at present living in California.

James S. Halligan received his education in England. After his marriage he kept a market and store at Leeds until 1844, when, with his wife and family, he came to America, and shortly went to work in the woollen-mills in Pennsylvania. In 1852 he removed to Shelburne Falls, and in 1875, having acquired a competency, retired from active business. He died in 1884. James S. Halligan voted the Republican ticket. He was Justice of the Peace for many years, and held other offices. He was a highly respected Odd Fellow as well as Mason, having been made a member of Nelson Lodge, No. 303, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bramley, England, in 1828. He joined Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls, soon after his arrival in this town, which made him fifty-six years an Odd Fellow. He was also a member of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Halligan owned

the residence on the corner of Conway and Summer Streets, where he made his home, and also had other property in the town.

He married Mrs. Hannah Neil, whose maiden name was Austin, and who was a daughter of John and Ann Austin, of Leeds, England, her father being of an old English family. Mrs. Halligan died in 1882, aged seventy-five. She was a member of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Halligan were the parents of a large family of children, of whom the following were natives of Leeds, England: Thomas, of Greenfield, a son by Mrs. Halligan's first marriage, who died August 11, 1895, leaving a widow, one son—Walter E.—and one daughter—Fannie E. Austin Gaines; William, who married Mary Kellett, and lives in Connecticut; Maria, who married Fred Tanner, and lives in Heath; Joseph, of whom an extended account will be found on another page of this volume; James, the principal subject of the present sketch; Hannah, who married John Rowland, and lives in Shelburne Falls; John A., who married Hattie Allard, and lives in Shelburne Falls. He and also William and Thomas were in the Union army. John A. and William were enrolled in Company E, Thomas in Company A, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment. Sarah Halligan, who lives at the home of her parents, and Martha, who died when four years of age, were born in America.

James Halligan, after acquiring a fair education in the public schools of Massachusetts, began to work with his father in the cutlery business. In 1883 he was appointed superintendent of the cutlery works, a position he has now held for twelve years, enjoying the highest esteem of the firm and of the employees. Mr. Halligan served five months in the army in 1864, enlisting for one hundred days in Company K, Sixtieth Massachusetts

Regiment. His brother John A. re-enlisted, and served in the same company. On April 27, 1870, Mr. James Halligan was united in marriage to Flora A., daughter of Ansel W. and Sarah (Barnard) Strong. Ansel W. Strong, who was a native of Chester, Mass., a carpenter and tool-maker by occupation, died at the age of thirty-one. Mrs. Strong now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Halligan, her only child. Mr. and Mrs. Halligan have one child—a son—Howard A., born June 13, 1874, who was graduated from Arms Academy in 1890, and entered Amherst College in 1892.

In politics James Halligan is a staunch Republican. He is a member of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Shelburne Falls, and of the Connecticut Valley Commandery, and Past Master of Blue Lodge; and he belongs to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic. His residence is on Mechanic Street.

BAXTER A. ORCUTT, a well-to-do farmer of Buckland, was born in that town, July 6, 1849. His father, Thomas Orcutt, was a native of Buckland, born September 19, 1807; and his grandfather, Thomas Orcutt, Sr., who formerly owned a farm in the north-west part of Buckland, moved to Westhampton, Hampshire County, where he died. The maiden name of the wife of Thomas, Sr., was Salley Carpenter. Thomas Orcutt, Jr., was reared to agricultural pursuits, and adopted farming as his life's occupation. He purchased the farm which his son Baxter now owns, and continued to reside there until his death, which occurred April 17, 1870. He was married three times. His second wife, Minerva Taylor, was a native of Buckland, daughter of Samuel and

Sarah (Butler) Taylor. She died September 13, 1865. The children by name were as follows: Thomas Ashton, Abigail P., Sarah D., Baxter A., and Celia Minerva.

Baxter A. Orcutt in early youth attended the schools of his native town, and assisted his father upon the farm. He cared for his parents during their declining years, and at their death came into possession of the homestead, where he has since continued to reside. He has erected a new barn, forty-two by sixty feet, planted a large number of fruit-trees, and made other improvements in the property. Mr. Orcutt is a Republican in politics, and cast his first Presidential vote for General Grant in 1872. He is a member of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society and the Buckland Farmers' Club. In 1870 he was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Maria Smith, daughter of Edwin M. and Mary (Freeman) Smith, of Buckland. Of this marriage there is one daughter, Marion Belle, who graduated from the Shelburne Falls Academy in 1895. The family are members of the Congregational church.

EBEN A. HALL, editor and proprietor of the *Greenfield Gazette and Courier*, one of the oldest newspapers in the United States, a fact which speaks volumes for its character, enjoys a well-earned reputation as an able and successful journalist of the best type. He is a genuine son of New England, having been born December 20, 1839, in Taunton, Mass., being a descendant of George Hall, who emigrated from England in 1635, and was one of the original proprietors of the township of Taunton. George Hall was Treasurer of the company that subsequently established the bloomery in Taunton, near Raynham, "the first permanent success-

ful iron works in this country," the last work therein being the manufacture of ships' anchors. He was a man of prominence in the settlement, and left a large estate, a portion of which is still owned and occupied by one of his descendants.

Ebenezer Hall, the editor's paternal grandfather, was a lifelong resident of Taunton and the owner of a large farm, beautifully situated on the banks of the river, in which he was accidentally drowned about middle life. He married Mehitabel Hodges, of Norton, who lived to be an octogenarian, she being, doubtless, a descendant of Elder Henry Hodges, an early settler of Taunton; and they reared a family of eight children, including four sons: Ebenezer; Leonard; Rufus, father of Eben A.; and Andrew.

Rufus Hall was born in Taunton in 1797, and in addition to agriculture was engaged in manufacturing bricks, spending his entire life of more than fourscore years in the place of his nativity. In 1830 he married Lydia W. Tobey, a daughter of Williams and Zilpha (Hall) Tobey, and of their union the following children were born: a son who died in infancy; Amelia, wife of Philander Williams, of Taunton; Rufus W., a machinist of Taunton; James M., who volunteered as a private from Greenfield in the late Civil War, and was discharged as a non-commissioned officer; Eben A., of Greenfield; and Lydia, a maiden lady, occupying the ancestral home in Taunton, where the mother passed away at the age of seventy-five years. James M. Hall was seriously wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks, in June, 1862, one side being partially paralyzed; and he died from its effects in 1869. He married, but his wife and only child are both deceased.

Eben A. Hall spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the home farm, acquiring

his education in the district school, and at the age of seventeen years, obeying his natural bent, entered the printing-office of the Bristol County *Republican* in Taunton, to learn the art preservative, and remained there until 1862. At that time Mr. Hall enlisted in Company F, Thirty-ninth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and at the close of the war was discharged as Orderly Sergeant of the company. His regiment joined the Fifth Corps of the Potomac Army, and actively participated in all the principal engagements of the campaign. At the battle of Hatteras Run, Mr. Hall, while out skirmishing with others, was taken prisoner, and for a short time was an inmate of Libby Prison, but was fortunately exchanged after three weeks' confinement in that unsavory place. After his return to private life Mr. Hall resumed his former position in the *Republican* office, leaving it in 1866 to take the position of editor and foreman of the *Gazette and Courier*. Three years later he bought a third-interest in the establishment, and in 1876 became the sole proprietor of the paper, which under his judicious management has been enlarged and its circulation greatly increased. He is one of the few journalists who are thoroughly acquainted with their business from the press-room to the editor's chair, and by this knowledge of his calling is enabled to do justice to the whole work. The Greenfield *Gazette and Courier* is one of thirteen newspapers in America that have been in existence a full century, only three or four of which had their birth in New England, the oldest of them being the Salem *Gazette*, which was established in 1768. The *Gazette and Courier* celebrated its one hundredth anniversary in February, 1892, Mr. Hall publishing an illustrated volume of one hundred and seventy-two pages, giving a centennial record of Franklin

County, more especially of the city of Greenfield.

Mr. Hall was united in marriage June 2, 1861, with Miss Bathsheba Tisdale, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lincoln) Tisdale, of Taunton; and their wedded pathway has been brightened by the birth of four children, namely: Jessie, the wife of F. L. Greene, attorney-at-law and Town Clerk of Greenfield, who has three children; Albert T., who is associated with his father in business; Nina E., who was educated in Mrs. Piatt's Select School for Young Ladies at Utica, N.Y.; and Agnes, who died in 1887, at the early age of sixteen years. Mr. Hall is a sound Republican and an influential member of his party. He served as a Representative to the State legislature in 1879, and sat in the Governor's Council in 1873 and 1874. He is a Master Mason, and also belongs to the Social Club of Greenfield. His financial ability being recognized as one of his strong points, he is serving as a Director of the Franklin County Bank, and is one of the Trustees of the Greenfield Savings Bank.

RATHAN E. HUDSON, a prosperous farmer residing in Wendell, Mass., is a native of Hingham, near Boston, where he was born December 19, 1828, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Eldridge) Hudson, the former a native of Cohasset. Frost Hudson, father of Joseph, was born in Provincetown, Mass., but resided during the greater part of his life in Cohasset, his home being on Jerusalem Road, where he died at the venerable age of ninety-two years. He followed the occupations of a farmer and seafaring man, being also a teacher of navigation.

Joseph Hudson was one of a large family of children, and, like his father, Frost Hudson,



WALTER E. NICHOLS.

was a follower of the sea nearly all his life, making his home in Hingham, where he lived during his last years, dying at the age of sixty-three. His wife, Elizabeth Eldridge, was born in Harwich, Barnstable County, Mass., daughter of Nathan Eldridge, who, like her husband's father, was a mariner, and who reared a large family. They were the parents of seven boys, of whom the only survivor is Nathan E., of the present sketch. The mother was a member of the Methodist church. She died in Wendell at the age of seventy-seven.

Nathan E. Hudson lived in Hingham till his nineteenth year, acquiring his education in the district school and academy. In his vigorous early manhood, prompted by the spirit of adventure and the hope of gain, he went with the "Forty-niners" to the gold fields of California in quest of his fortune, remaining there some ten years, and meeting with a fair degree of success. Returning to Hingham, he took up for a short time the occupation of shoemaking, abandoning it and coming to Wendell in 1860, where he purchased a farm near his present homestead of seventy-five acres, to which he removed in the following year. He won the hand of Malvina N. French, to whom he was married in August, 1869. Her father, Preston French, was a farmer in the adjoining town of New Salem, though her birthplace was in Ware, Mass., where Mr. French was at that time engaged at his trade of carpenter, being an excellent workman and a well-known man. He died at New Salem in his sixty-ninth year, and his wife at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hudson, at the age of seventy years.

Mrs. Hudson is the only survivor of the four children born to her parents. She and her husband have two children—a son and daughter: Calvin, who assists his father on

the farm; and Cora, who attended school at West Brattleboro, Vt. Politically, Nathan E. Hudson is a supporter of the principles of the Democratic party. He has served his town as Assessor, and has also acted as jurymen. He and his family are attendants of the Methodist church at Lock's Village.

WALTER E. NICHOLS, of the firm of Nichols Brothers, manufacturers of butcher's tools and cutlery at Greenfield, is an important factor of the business interests of Franklin County, being, with his brother, J. Henry Nichols, joint owner of a large and well-equipped factory, giving employment to twoscore or more men. He is a native-born citizen, the date of his birth being April 28, 1852, but is of English parentage, son of John R. and Ann (Webster) Nichols.

John R. Nichols, who was born, reared, and married in England, came to America in 1846, being then a man of twenty-seven years, leaving his family in Sheffield, England, where he had been employed in a cutlery factory from childhood. He located in this county; and, finding the chances good for making a living at his trade, he sent for his family. He is now living in Greenfield. His wife passed to the better land in February, 1890, aged seventy-two years. She bore him seven children, of whom one daughter died at the early age of eighteen months, and a son at the age of five years. The record of the others is as follows: James W., a stock-raiser in South Dakota, was a Union soldier in the war of the Rebellion, going to the front in the New York Zouave Company, in the brigade of Hooker and Sickles, and being seriously wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks; he was subsequently transferred to the navy as

master of arms on the "Philippi," which was sunk in Mobile Bay, he escaping drowning by swimming until he was picked up by a rebel ram. Walter is the subject of this sketch. J. Henry is in partnership with Walter. George R. is a grocer on Thirty-fifth Street, Chicago. Frank T. is a farmer and miller at Stockbridge, Ga.

The subject of this brief narration, having been educated in the common schools of Shelburne Falls, Leyden, and Bernardston, began when quite young to work at his present employment, being for a time in the factory of the J. Russell Company at Greenfield and the Lamson-Goodnow Company of Shelburne Falls. When seventeen years old, he was employed in his father's factory in Bernardston in making pocket knives, and the next year went into E. S. Hulbert's agricultural implement factory, remaining there as a mechanic and superintendent until 1882. He then accepted the offer of a partnership in the establishment, and had the entire charge of the business for seven years. On December 5, 1889, the firm of E. S. Hulbert & Co. was dissolved, Mr. Nichols and his brother, who had formerly travelled for the firm, becoming equal partners, and continuing the business under the present name. In 1892 they removed from Bernardston to Greenfield, taking possession of their fine brick, two-story factory, two hundred and fifty feet long by twenty-three feet in width, with a forge-room thirty feet by thirty-five feet. They have a very large jobbing trade, equal in volume to that of the Goodyear Manufacturing Company, and embracing the principal jobbers of New England, the Middle and Western States, going as far south as Baltimore, and reaching westward to Denver—in fact, to all parts of the United States.

Mr. Nichols was married September 9,

1872, to Emma S. Albee, of Boston, who died November 28, 1884, aged thirty-nine years, leaving two children: Arthur B., now eighteen years of age, employed in the Boston office of the Boston & Maine Railway Company; and Emma F., a miss of eleven summers. On the 17th of June, 1886, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Nellie M. Hale, of Bernardston, and this union has also been blessed by the birth of two children: Morton H., six years old; and Walter Herbert, two years of age. Mr. Nichols and his family occupy a commodious and pleasant residence at 16 Chapman Street, which he purchased on his removal here in 1892, and are held in high consideration as agreeable neighbors, warm friends, and genial companions. He and his wife are esteemed members of the Unitarian church.

In politics Mr. Nichols is a stanch Republican, and for several years was Secretary of the Republican Committee. He has always been identified with the best interests of the town in which he resided, and while in Bernardston was a Trustee of Powers Institute, being for some time Secretary of the Board, and also a Trustee of the Cushman Library. The portrait of Mr. Nichols, which appears on an adjoining page, is a welcome accompaniment to this outline sketch of his useful and honorable career to date.

FORACE GRAVES SANDERSON, a successful agriculturist and market gardener of Sunderland, was born December 16, 1836, on the estate he now owns and occupies, known as the "Meadow View Farm." The name is well chosen, for from the house in uninterrupted view the neighboring farms of Sunderland and Hadley are seen in all their picturesque beauty,

stretching from Sugarloaf and Toby to the foot of Mounts Holyoke and Tom. William Sanderson, grandfather of Horace G., lived upon the same farm, as did also for some years his great-grandfather, Abraham Sanderson, who served honorably in several campaigns of the Revolution. This homestead, which was number twenty in the original settlement of the town, was first taken by Simon Cooley, and later, in 1800, was conveyed by deed from Elisha Smith to Abraham Sanderson. Thus for ninety-five years, or four generations, the place has been in the Sanderson family.

Apollos Sanderson, son of William, was born in Sunderland, December 11, 1797, and was one of a family of seven sons and one daughter. His brothers went West to settle in the new Territories of Michigan and Wisconsin. The present farm-house was built by him; and here he lived until his death in 1860, at the age of sixty-three. His wife, Roxanna Bartlett, was a daughter of Daniel Bartlett, of Hadley, and one of a family of fourteen children, being a child of her father's second marriage. She was born November 17, 1795, and died July 26, 1869. The family of Apollos Sanderson consisted of four sons and five daughters. They all lived to maturity, and all except Brainerd had families, as follows: Dexter, John, Roxanna, Ellen, Brainerd, Elizabeth, Jane, Horace, and Catherine. Their children are settled in several of the States.

Horace G. Sanderson acquired his education in the public schools of his native town, at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N.H., and at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, which he attended in succession. Upon his father's death he returned to the homestead to conduct the farm for his mother, and later he bought out the rest of the heirs. With the outlying pasture and sugar orchard, the place

contains seventy-five acres, the cultivated land being conveniently located about the dwelling. The farm is one of the most fertile of the many excellent ones throughout the Connecticut valley.

On June 4, 1862, Mr. Sanderson married Harriet A. Abbey, daughter of George Abbey, formerly of Belchertown, and after 1858 a resident of Sunderland, where he died in 1864, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife was Hannah Gay, a native of Acworth, N.H.; and Harriet A. was one of three children, having a brother George and a sister Laura. Two children were born to Horace G. and Harriet A. Sanderson: George Dwight, who died at the age of five; and Emma Dora, who was educated at Northfield Seminary, and later married Perley L. Horne, at present an instructor at Harvard University, from which institution he graduated in the class of 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Horne have one child, Mildred Amy, born May 7, 1894.

In politics Horace G. Sanderson is a Republican, having voted for Abraham Lincoln at his first election and for every Republican candidate for President since that time. He has been chairman of the Board of Assessors of his town for a number of years, is a member of the School Committee, and has served several times as delegate to the State Convention. He and his wife are prominent members of the Congregational church, in which he has held the office of Deacon for twenty-eight years, and has served on the various committees of church and parish, and as superintendent of the Sunday-school for ten years.



LIVER B. KENDRICK, the well-known Postmaster at Adamsville, Franklin County, Mass., a veteran in the civil service of the United States, was

born on September 16, 1820, in the neighboring town of Heath, which was the native place of his parents, Oliver and Anna (Gleason) Kendrick. His grandfather, James Kendrick, who was a successful farmer, was one of the early settlers of Heath, and there reared a large family, all of whom are now deceased.

Oliver Kendrick, the father, was a mason by trade; and his handiwork may be seen to-day in the old Mansion House in Greenfield. He also had a large farm in Heath, covering about three hundred and fifty acres, where he carried on general farming. A good business man, he looked carefully to the chances of the future, thus invariably commanding success. In politics he was a Democrat. He died at the age of fifty-nine, and his wife lived to be eighty-four. Both were members of the Baptist church. They had ten children, all of whom reached maturity; but five are now deceased, namely: James, William, Franklin, Almira, and Ann. The survivors are: Oliver B.; Diana, widow of Seth Amsden, living in Athol; Lyman, in Sherman, Chautauqua County, N.Y.; Lucretia, wife of Henry Temple, living at the old homestead of her father in Heath; Sarah Augusta Kendrick, unmarried, living in Athol.

Oliver B. Kendrick received his early education and grew to manhood in Heath. He began to learn the mason's trade when but fourteen years of age, and at twenty-two took the contract for the old passenger station and the connecting freight and engine houses on the Connecticut River Railroad at Greenfield, which are still standing. He has for years been actively engaged in farming, residing at different times in Heath, Elm Grove, Shattuckville, and Colerain. He bought in January, 1866, the estate upon which he now resides. The house is one of the landmarks

of the town of Colerain, and was in early days a noted tavern. When it fell into Mr. Kendrick's hands, it was called the Adamsville Hotel, and he conducted it as such for ten years; but the large, low-ceilinged rooms are no longer open to the public, offering a welcome to the transient guest, the house being now used by Mr. Kendrick as a private residence. He has a farm of seventy-five acres, which is in a good state of cultivation.

In 1846 Mr. Kendrick was married to Experience Read, who was born in Heath, September 16, 1822, and died in August, 1851. His second wife, to whom he was united on October 12, 1853, was Wealthy Farley, a native of Colerain, born February 11, 1832. Her parents were Joel and Phœbe (Bradford) Farley. Joel Farley was born in Colerain, and here passed his life. Living in a farming district, he conducted a farm with good results, and was a prominent and popular man, filling many town offices, notably that of Selectman, and holding the rank of Colonel in the State militia. He was an active worker in the Methodist church, and was widely known and loved for his public spirit and benevolence, winning the hearts of the poor especially, whose larders he often replenished. He died in Colerain, at the age of forty-seven. His wife, who was a native of Conway, Mass., was also a practical Christian and an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She died in Iowa, at the age of fifty-eight. They had eight children, three of whom are now living, namely: Isaac and Joel Farley, in Kansas; and Mrs. Kendrick, at Adamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick have five children: Fred L. conducts a saw-mill in Colerain, where planing is also done; Effie E. is the wife of Frank B. Child, and resides in Springfield; Edgar is engaged in farming in Colerain, and also has a grist-mill and box

manufactory; Nora is the wife of Elwin J. Parker, a miller in Colerain; and Myra A. is the wife of Ernest C. Higgins, a farmer in Rowe. Mr. Kendrick held the office of Justice of the Peace for five years, and has been Postmaster at Adamsville for thirty years. He is a capable business man, fulfilling his duties with promptness and good judgment. He and his wife, ranking among the oldest residents of Colerain, are widely known and highly esteemed.

GEORGE HENRY WRIGHT, a dealer in ice and for the past ten years the efficient Chief of Greenfield's Fire Department, is a rising young business man of the city, wide-awake and active, and, if a resident of a Western city, would be termed a "hustler" in the best sense of the term. He was born April 15, 1863, in the town of Montague, Franklin County, where his father, Charles Pomeroy Wright, was engaged in mercantile pursuits.

The name of Wright has long held a prominent and honored place in the annals of this county, George Wright, M.D., the paternal grandfather of the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this brief sketch, having been a practising physician of Montague for many years, and having a wide reputation for skill in his profession. His practice extended for many miles around, but the good doctor was too kind-hearted and benevolent to accumulate any great fortune. He married Julia Billings, and they reared a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom but one is now living; namely, Julia G., the widow of J. H. Root, of Montague. In religion Dr. Wright held to the rational type of Christianity, and both he and his wife were members of the Unitarian church.

Charles Pomeroy Wright was born in the little village of Goshen, Hampshire County, in 1831, but removed with his parents when very young to Montague. Having received an excellent education, he established himself in business, opening a store in Montague for the sale of general merchandise, which he conducted until 1881, when he changed his place of residence to Turner's Falls. Five years later he removed to Greenfield, where his death occurred September 1, 1893. He was quite active in Masonic circles, being a Master Mason, and in politics was a Democratic voter, but never held any public office save that of Town Clerk. He was reared in the broad faith of his parents, and did not depart from it, both he and his wife belonging to the Unitarian church. Her maiden name was Martha Jane Clark. She was a daughter of William Clark, a well-known and wealthy merchant of Exeter, N.H. Their union was solemnized in 1862, and was blessed by the birth of three children, namely: George H. and William Clark Wright, both of this city; and Julia Maria, a young lady residing with the former and her widowed mother at 10 Main Street.

The subject of this sketch was bred to mercantile business, assisting in his father's store several years. His first independent venture was the Franklin House livery stable, which he bought from Gerrett & Fowler, and, after conducting it successfully for a year, sold it at a good profit. In 1889 Mr. Wright formed a partnership with Thomas N. Buddington; and under the firm name of Buddington & Wright they carried on a good business in teaming and draying for two years, when the senior member sold his interest to Fred R. Hollister, and the firm name became George H. Wright & Co. Two years later Mr. Wright bought his partner's share, and

has since managed it all himself, having all the work of the kind that he can attend to, employing eleven horses. In 1890 Buddington & Wright purchased the ice business of Handforth Brothers; and, after the retirement of his partner, Mr. Wright retained this branch of his business himself. He has so increased his trade in that useful commodity that he now has to put up three thousand tons of ice each year, and this he delivers to consumers within Greenfield's limits. Mr. Wright is a man of good business principles, and very popular with all classes of people, his kind and obliging disposition and general trustworthiness winning him hosts of friends. He has been a member of the Masonic order for some time, and is now a Master Mason and highly esteemed in the organization. In politics he is an advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, although in local elections he votes independently.

WHITNEY L. WARNER, for many years past a prominent merchant of Sunderland, was born in Williamsburg, Hampshire County, Mass., June 12, 1827, son of Ebenezer and Amelia (Hubbard) Warner. His grandfather on the paternal side, who was a native of Williamsburg, where he passed the greater portion of his life, was a wood-worker, carpenter, and general mechanic. He died at Northampton. Grandfather Warner reared five children, one of whom is now living — Mrs. Martha Strong, of Pittsfield.

Ebenezer Warner, the father of the subject of this sketch, followed agriculture as an occupation until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-three years of age. His wife, Amelia Hubbard, was a native of Williamsburg. She became the mother of four

children, all of whom are now dead except Whitney L. After the death of her first husband she married Lewis D. Cleveland, by whom she had one son. Her last years were passed in New York State, where she died at the age of fifty-seven years. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Whitney L. Warner passed his early boyhood in Williamsburg, where he attended the district schools. He accompanied his mother when she removed to New York State, and resided there for some years. Purchasing a farm in Sunderland, he was engaged for three years in general farming; but, becoming dissatisfied with this kind of a life, he engaged as a clerk in a dry-goods store at Greenfield, where he remained for fifteen years. In 1870 he returned to Sunderland, where he purchased a store, and has since carried on a profitable business.

In 1849 Mr. Warner was united in marriage to Helen Lyman, of Sunderland, daughter of Horace Lyman. Her grandfather, Zadoc Lyman, was the proprietor of a hotel in Hadley for many years. Horace Lyman was originally a farmer, but was for some time engaged in mercantile pursuits in Sunderland, where he erected a house. He later removed to Greenfield, and, after conducting business there for five years, returned to Sunderland, where he lived until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-one years. He was a member of the Congregational church, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Warner have had three children, of whom but one is living — Lizzie H., who married Baxter A. Fish, a merchant, who is now in business with Mr. Warner.

Mr. Warner has voted the Republican ticket from the time of his majority. He has served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer

of the Poor, and was Postmaster for sixteen years. He was for four years President of the Agricultural Society, six years member of the State Board of Agriculture, and has been officially interested in agricultural fairs for many years. He is a member of the Congregational church, and has been superintendent of the Sabbath-school for four years. Mrs. Warner also is a member of the Congregational church.

WILLIAM W. CARY, of Colerain, the well-known bee-keeper and manufacturer of apiarian supplies, was born in this town, November 6, 1848, son of William W. and Harriet M. (Maxam) Cary. The pioneer of the family in this country was John Cary, who came from England to Plymouth Colony in 1634; and the first of the name to take up his abode in Colerain was Aaron Cary, who was born in Bridgewater, Mass., April 6, 1751. He settled on Catamount Hill, and soon had a comfortable homestead established and a good farm in a flourishing condition. On May 31, 1781, he was married to Jennie Atwood; and on November 26, 1782, a son was born to them, whom they called Zenas. Zenas Cary took up his father's work when the latter passed away, and became a prosperous farmer. He fought in the War of 1812, and in politics was a stanch Whig. In religious belief he was a Methodist. He lived to be ninety-two, and his wife also attained a ripe age. They had eight children: Charlotte, John, George, William W., David, Marietta, Levi, and Joseph.

William W. Cary, the third son of Zenas, was born on February 24, 1815. He was a wood-worker by trade, manufacturing wagons, sleighs, and articles of wooden-ware. At the

age of fifteen he became interested in bee culture, not being strong enough to do much about the farm; and later in life he made a business of raising bees for breeding purposes, also manufacturing the supplies necessary in the business. In 1835 he settled on the estate where his son now resides, and there spent his life. He was an energetic and ambitious man and one of the largest dealers in bees at that time, being the first to introduce the Italian bee in America (in 1860). Politically, William W. Cary, Sr., was a Republican. He was a citizen of good standing in his native town, and was Collector of Taxes for some time. In religious belief he was a Baptist. His last years were spent at the home of his son and namesake, where he died on December 9, 1884. His wife, who was born in Colerain on May 25, 1822, is still living, and makes her home with her son William. They had six children, three of whom reached adult age; and two are now living, William W. being the elder. His sister, Sarah E., born July 3, 1850, is the wife of George E. Brown; and their home is in Vermont. The deceased are: William H., Viola E., Charles F., and an infant who was not named.

William W. Cary, the younger, grew to manhood on the home farm, acquiring the rudiments of his education at the district school. At the age of eleven he took up the study of bee culture, which he still pursues with interest, making improvements in methods, and manufacturing the very best of apiarian supplies. He is an authority on the subject of breeding bees imported from foreign countries, and is undoubtedly the foremost man in his business in New England. Keeping on hand from one hundred and fifty to two hundred stands of bees, he receives orders from all parts of the United States and

Canada, and makes a specialty of Italian bees. Mr. Cary seems to know every feature of the business, but says he is continually learning. Besides trading in apiarian supplies, he sells bees by the colony and by the pound; and his queens are said to be the best in the market. His extensive business is advertised throughout the United States, an annual illustrated catalogue giving prices and description. Mr. Cary also manufactures cider and cider vinegar, his brand of vinegar ranking among the best and purest in the trade. He averages from three thousand to four thousand barrels annually, and has the latest machinery in his mill, which is run by water-power. Mr. Cary is an observing and ingenious man, and has invented much of the machinery used in both branches of his business. He has recently engaged in poultry-raising, and his appliances and buildings indicate that this also will be a success.

Mr. Cary and Mary F. Tripp, of Hoosick, N.Y., were married on February 22, 1871; and they have four children: Lillian E., Minnie L., Herbert F., and Ethel L. Herbert assists his father, and is an intelligent and active young man, with a store of knowledge on apiarian subjects. Politically, Mr. Cary is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Baptist church. They have a fine estate and a handsome residence, and are very pleasant people to meet, treating their many visitors with uniform courtesy and kindness.

NATHAN O. NEWHALL, whose portrait appears on the next page, is one of the oldest native-born residents of Shelburne, his birth having occurred in the Fox Town District, March 17, 1815. He has lived here through boyhood and middle life and in old age, witnessing the wonderful

achievements of three-quarters of a century. Eighty years ago neither railways nor telegraph and telephone lines spanned the broad continent, so large a part of which was yet a trackless wild. In the growing progress and prosperity of this part of the county Mr. Newhall has been an important factor, materially aiding various enterprises for the public benefit. He is a son of Nathan Newhall, who was born June 4, 1783, in Conway, in the house built by his father, Samuel Newhall, who was an early pioneer of that town.

Samuel Newhall moved to Conway when a young man, and, taking up a tract of heavy-timbered land, endured without murmur the hardships of life in a thinly settled country, and succeeded by dint of energetic and long-continued efforts in establishing a homestead. He was one of the foremost citizens of his day, and both he and his wife lived to a good old age. The seven children born to them — Samuel, James, Phineas, Nathan, David, Sally, and Esther — all grew to adult life.

During the days of his youth and early manhood Nathan Newhall assisted his father in clearing and improving the home farm in Conway. On leaving home, he located in West Deerfield, living there a year, then moving to Shelburne. Here he bought twenty-one acres in the Fox Town District, to which he added from time to time more land, eventually owning a good farm, six times the size of the original purchase. He was well educated, and, when a young man, taught several terms of school. In politics he was identified with the Whigs, and, religiously, was a firm believer in the doctrines of the Baptist church. He was an esteemed citizen of the town, and attained a good age, living until March 25, 1857. He married Greaty Bardwell, a native of Shelburne, born



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March 5, 1790. She survived him many long years, dying in May, 1881. They reared eleven children, four of whom are now living, namely: Nathan O., of whom we write; Albert, born in 1827, a resident of Springfield, Mass.; Sarah A., born in 1831, the wife of D. R. Bardwell, of Shelburne; and Greaty O., born in 1835, the widow of M. Fellows, of Shelburne.

Nathan O. Newhall was the recipient of better educational advantages than were usually given the farmers' sons; as, after leaving the district schools, he attended a select school in Conway, studying under John Clary, a noted educator in that day. Having a natural aptitude for mechanical work, at the age of eighteen he began to learn the carpenter's trade with Ira Barnard, and subsequently worked at that occupation for over forty years. He built many of the houses that are to-day standing in this locality, his workmanship being noted for its durability and superior finish. In 1840 Mr. Newhall bought the place where he now resides, and, moving on to it in 1843, began to carry on farming to some extent. In 1875 he gave up carpentering entirely, and the following year took a trip for the benefit of his health, visiting California and other parts of the Pacific Coast. Mr. Newhall has since devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits, owning now a fine and highly improved farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres, and being numbered among the most progressive farmers of the day.

On May 4, 1843, Mr. Newhall was united in marriage with Dolly H. Andrews, daughter of John and Content (Hawks) Andrews and a native of Deerfield, born May 22, 1821. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability, a true helpmeet to her husband and a judicious mother, attending closely to the

education and training of her children, and fitting them for useful members of the community; and her death, September 8, 1893, was deeply deplored by all who knew her. Five children were born into the home circle of Mr. and Mrs. Newhall: Alfred A., a carpenter, resides in Shelburne; Byron N., also a resident of this town, is a farmer and carpenter; Corilla J. is the wife of T. H. Dodge, now of Shelburne; Dumont O., a farmer, is likewise a resident of this place; and Ellen M. is the wife of A. L. Peck, second, of Shelburne.

Mr. Newhall is an uncompromising Republican in politics, and liberal in his religious views. He has always taken an active and leading part in local public affairs, serving his fellow-citizens as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. In 1875 he was appointed census-taker, and during the existence of the Shelburne Mutual Fire Insurance Company he was its President. He has also been a valued member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, and for the past seventeen years has served as Justice of the Peace. Mr. Newhall is eminently worthy of the respect accorded him by his friends and neighbors as an enterprising and useful fellow-townsmen, living at peace with all and faithful to the duties of citizenship.

DEACON RICHARD CLAPP, a well-to-do farmer of Montague and a representative of one of New England's oldest families, was born upon the farm he now owns and occupies, November 29, 1819. He is a son of Eliphaz and Charlotte (Gunn) Clapp, both natives of Montague, the former also born on the Clapp farm, which has been in the possession of the family since 1754. Deacon Clapp's first ancestor in this country

was Captain Roger Clapp, who was born in England, and joined the Massachusetts Colony in 1630. He was Commander of Castle William (now Fort Independence) in Boston Harbor, and was a very prominent man in the colony. His home was in Dorchester. Roger Clapp and his wife were buried in Boston in King's Chapel burial-ground. The succeeding generations of the family were farmers, and closely identified with the development of the colony and the Revolutionary struggle. Captain Roger Clapp's son Preserved was a native of Dorchester, Mass.; and his son Preserved was born in Northampton. The latter had a son John, who also was a native of Northampton. John Clapp was the great-grandfather of our subject. He settled in Montague in 1754, on the land which is now known as the Clapp homestead. At that time it was the site of an Indian fort, situated in the heart of an almost trackless wilderness. John Clapp was one of the original settlers who organized the town, and was moderator of the first town meeting, which, according to the records, occurred on December 1, 1755. The following is an extract from the town records: "Voted, first, that Lieutenant John Clapp lead said meeting; also, voted, that we will have a shell blown at Lieutenant Clapp's for a signal on the Sabbath Day." It was also voted in 1759 to buy the shell of Lieutenant Clapp for one pound, ten shillings, to be used in signalling. After the use of the shell had been discontinued, it was returned to Lieutenant Clapp; and it is now in the possession of Deacon Clapp, his great-grandson. It is blown like an ordinary horn, and has been heard for a distance of nine miles. Solomon Clapp, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Sunderland in 1751. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, residing there

until his decease. He also was a prominent man and a Captain in the militia.

Eliphaz Clapp, the father of Deacon Richard Clapp, was born in 1788. He succeeded to the ownership of the farm on the death of his father, and continued to improve the property. A mason by trade, he was a natural mechanic, and acquired a wide reputation for constructing chimneys that would not smoke. He attained a position of prominence in the town, and served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He died at the homestead in 1876. His wife was Charlotte Gunn, of Montague, daughter of Solomon Gunn, a farmer of that town, who was a veteran of the Revolution. She was one of four children. Mrs. Clapp died at the old homestead in her sixty-fourth year. Mr. and Mrs. Clapp were the parents of eight children, two of whom are still living, namely: Richard, the subject of this sketch; and DeWitt Clinton Clapp, of Chicago.

Deacon Richard Clapp passed his boyhood and youth upon the ancestral farm, which he succeeded to the possession of at the death of his father. In 1869 he went to New York City, where he engaged in the hardware business; and four years later he returned to the farm, which has since been his home. He has three hundred acres of desirable land, a portion of which is devoted to dairy interests; and the remainder is a valuable wood lot. The farm buildings are substantially built; and the dwelling-house, which was erected by his father, is a handsome and comfortable residence.

In 1847 he was united in marriage to Miss Eunice A. Slate, daughter of Captain Joseph Slate, a farmer of Bernardston. Captain Slate's grandfather, who was a prominent citizen of Bernardston and a patriot of the Revolution, cleared and improved the farm upon

which he resided; and the property is still in the possession of the family, being now occupied by a great-grandson of the original owner. Mrs. Clapp was one of ten children, six of whom are now living, namely: Henry, who is Town Clerk of Bernardston, and resides at the homestead; Eunice A.; Catherine; Harriet, who married Daniel Snow, of Chicago; Mary, wife of Edward Kirkland, of Brattleboro, Vt.; and Lewis, who also resides at the Slate homestead. The family are noted for their longevity, the grandfather having attained the ripe age of ninety-seven years and six months, and Mrs. Clapp's mother living to be ninety years of age. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, five of whom are living, namely: Cornelia M., a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, and for twenty years a teacher of science at that institution, who is still engaged in educational work; Richard Leighton, who married Jennie Clapp, of Montague, and has two children—Richard Harold and John Theodore; Harriet; Mary; and Charles Wellington, a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, who is a civil engineer by profession. He has been engaged for some time in railroad and irrigating work, and in laying out the public highways in Texas, Colorado, and Kansas. He married Evelyn Metcalf, and they have one son—Alfred Metcalf Clapp.

Deacon Richard Clapp is a Republican in politics. He has served as a Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He has been a member of the Congregational church since he was sixteen years old, and is a moving spirit in the parish, having been a Deacon for the past forty-three years and actively connected with the Sunday-school for a long period. His entire family, with one exception, are also members of the Congregational church.

JOSEPH C. PERRY, a practising dentist of Shelburne Falls, was born in Ferrisburg, Vt., May 1, 1856, son of David and Emily (Legro) Perry. Dr. Perry's paternal grandfather was John Perry, a native of France, who emigrated to Canada, where he followed the trade of a carpenter.

David Perry was born in St. John's, Canada, in 1823, and in his young manhood acquired the carpenter's trade. He later purchased a saw-mill, which he operated for some years, but finally relinquished it for the purpose of engaging as a contractor. In 1867 he came to Shelburne Falls, where he took contracts for the building of roads, and also did considerable lumbering during the winter seasons. He was a member of Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls, a Democrat in politics, and liberal in his religious views. David Perry died December 16, 1890, aged sixty-seven, leaving a wife and seven children, namely: Mary J. Clement, of St. Boniface, Manitoba; David T., West Brattleboro, Vt.; Joseph C., Shelburne Falls; Lucy B. Wilson, of Shelburne Falls; Minnie A. Goodner, of Pierre, S. Dak.; Ernest J., of Shelburne Falls; and Francis E., of West Brattleboro, Vt.

Joseph C. Perry, having received his education at the Shelburne Falls Academy, commenced the study of dentistry with Dr. Stebbins. He began the practice of his profession at his present location in 1877, and has met with gratifying success. Dr. Perry supports the Prohibition party in politics, and was a Presidential elector in 1892. He is a member of the village Board of Trade, and is connected with the School Board as Truant Officer. He is a Past Master of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Past Grand of Alethian Lodge, I. O. O. F., Past Chief Patriarch and Past Captain of the canton. Both

he and his wife are members of the Lodge of Rebecca.

On June 15, 1881, Dr. Perry was united in marriage to Miriam H. Packard, daughter of Luther and Mary A. (Warner) Packard. Luther Packard was born in Cummington, Hampshire County, Mass., September 29, 1819. He was educated at the Cummington Academy, and at the age of twenty years became a clerk in a dry-goods store in Albany, N.Y. Four years later, in company with F. Bates, he entered mercantile business in Cummington; but after a partnership of five years he purchased his associate's interest, and conducted the business alone until 1852. He then came to Shelburne Falls, and opened a dry-goods store on the Buckland side, later securing possession of his old store at Cummington, which he conducted as a branch for two years; and at the expiration of that time he sold the Cummington store to his clerk. He conducted business in Buckland until 1860, when he sold out, and in the following year opened a dry-goods store on Bridge Street, in Shelburne Falls, where he carried on business successfully until his practical retirement in 1889. On October 4, 1844, Mr. Packard married Mary A. Warner, daughter of Joseph and Olive (Holbrook) Warner. Mrs. Packard died in 1877, aged fifty-four years, leaving two children, namely: Mary L., wife of J. C. Temple, a marble and granite dealer of Rutland, Vt.; and Miriam H. (Mrs. Perry). Mr. Packard was a Trustee of the Shelburne Falls Savings Bank, and is now a Trustee of Arms Academy. He is a Republican in politics, and has held several of the town offices in Shelburne, where he now resides. He is a member of the Congregational church.

Dr. and Mrs. Perry have three children: Luther P., born June 24, 1882; Joseph E., born December 30, 1884; and Randolph W.,

born October 9, 1892. Dr. Perry and his family reside at the old Packard homestead on Main Street. Both he and his wife are members of the Congregational church.

DENISON CHASE, President of the Chase Turbine Manufacturing Company, which was incorporated in Orange, Mass., in 1873, with a capital of thirty-seven thousand dollars, stands among the foremost of the influential business men who have contributed so much to the financial prosperity of this section of Franklin County. With characteristic energy and enterprise, he has assisted in developing and increasing the manufacturing interests of the stock company, which he has served in an official capacity for many years, and has, in the mean time, won a wide reputation as a man of ability, integrity, and sterling worth. He is a native of Concord, Vt., born April 13, 1830, at the home of his parents, John D. and Sally (Spaulding) Chase. Moses Chase, father of John D., was born, it is thought, in Newburyport, Mass., as his early years were spent in that quaint old seaboard town. He married Eunice Moore; and they removed to Concord, a small town in the north-western part of Vermont, where he bought a farm, which he carried on with eminent success, and on which he resided until his death, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years. His wife had passed away many years before, in 1835. Of a large family of children born to them seven grew to mature life; namely, Rebecca, Phœbe, Betsey, Lucinda, Susan, Joseph, and John D.

The last-named, who was the father of Denison, was born in Concord, Vt., where he was reared to agricultural pursuits, and also learned the trade of a millwright. He continued both of these industries in his native

State until nearing middle life, owning farms and building mills in various places, meeting with good success in his undertakings. In 1864 he disposed of his property in Vermont, and, coming to Orange, followed for some time the trade of millwright. When sixty-two years of age, he went to Michigan to complete a large contract, going thence to Vermont for a similar purpose, and there had the misfortune to meet with an accident which proved fatal. He was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and ability, a Whig in politics, and while a resident of the Green Mountain State filled many important town offices, but when living in Orange was so engrossed by his business cares that he was obliged to refuse all official positions. To him and his wife, who rounded out the full period of threescore and ten years, three children were born, namely: Denison, the subject of this brief sketch; Jefferson, who married Miss A. M. Adams, and is now a resident of Portland, Me.; and Permelia, the widow of the late H. Underwood, and a resident of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

Denison Chase remained an inmate of the parental household until attaining his majority, when he began the battle of life on his own account. He had not been away from home very long before he was recalled, that he might assist his father, who needed his help, and with whom he remained for several years. In 1862 Mr. Chase again left home, going to New York, where he worked for two years in the employ of the Fairbanks Scale Company. The following two years he worked for the Putnam Machine Company in Fitchburg, Mass., coming from there to Orange in 1865 as an employee of his father and brother, who were engaged in business here as millwrights and manufacturers. In 1866 Mr. Chase became a stockholder in a stock company formed

for the manufacture of all kinds of machinery for mills. Seven years later this was incorporated as the "Chase Turbine Manufacturing Company," with the following officers: Denison Chase, President; Melbourne E. Griffin, Secretary; and Levi Kilbourn, Treasurer. This company owns one of the largest plants of the kind in this vicinity, and carries on a large and lucrative business.

The union of Mr. Chase and Miss Clementina P. Gregory was solemnized in 1855. Mrs. Chase was born in 1832 in Concord, Vt., being a daughter of Josiah and Delia (Hibbard) Gregory, both natives of Connecticut, but afterward residents of Lyndon, Vt., where they were numbered among the most respected and prosperous members of the farming community, remaining there throughout their declining years. They had a family of six children: Lydia, Esther, Amelia, Elizabeth, Clementine, and George. But one child came to bless the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Chase—Clara, who was born in Concord, Vt., in 1860, and is now the wife of Albert H. Davis, a machinist of Orange, and the mother of one son, Walter C. Davis.

In addition to his other work, Mr. Chase has at times been engaged in carpentering, having built some houses in his native town, and since coming to this place has built two, one of which he rents. The other, which has many fine improvements, and is pleasantly located on South Main Street, he and his wife occupy, and here greet their friends with genuine New England hospitality. He is held in highest respect by his neighbors and fellow-citizens in Orange as a man of sound judgment, intelligence, and liberality in all things pertaining to the welfare of the town. His influence is widely felt, and more especially among the leaders of the Universalist church, in which he is an active worker.

ALBERT M. GLEASON, Treasurer of the Greenfield Savings Bank, was born at New Braintree, Worcester County, Mass., in 1855. His father, Josiah P. Gleason, who is now residing at Jamaica Plain, in the city of Boston, Mass., was born at New Braintree in 1822, and was the son of Josiah Gleason, whose birth occurred at Westboro, Middlesex County, Mass., in 1782. The grandfather was twice married. His second wife was Mary Hitchcock, of Amherst, Mass., who became the mother of nine children — two sons and seven daughters — all of whom are now deceased with the exception of Josiah P. They were members of the Congregational church and active in religious affairs.

Both the Gleason and Hitchcock families have been prominent in Massachusetts for a period extending back through several generations anterior to the Declaration of Independence. For a more extended account of their genealogical history the reader is referred to the history of the Hitchcock family and that of Worcester County, published in 1890. In 1849 Mr. Josiah P. Gleason married Mary Newton, daughter of Royal Makepeace, of West Brookfield. She died in 1855; and he was again married in 1859 to Ellen A., daughter of Captain Hollis Tidd, of New Braintree. He came into possession of the large and valuable farm that had been owned by his father, Josiah Gleason, in New Braintree; and this he occupied till 1894, about a year ago, when he sold the property and retired from active life.

Albert M. Gleason attended school in his native town until 1870; and, after two years at Monson Academy (then under the well-known teacher, Charles Hammond), he entered the Agawam National Bank in Springfield, where he remained five years as

book-keeper. In 1876 he came to Greenfield in the employ of the Franklin County National Bank and the Greenfield Savings Bank, with which he continued until the separation of those institutions in 1881. Since that time he has held the responsible position of Treasurer of the Greenfield Savings Bank. Mr. Gleason has never been active in politics, though he was Town Treasurer in 1887 and 1888. In 1883 he was married to Elizabeth Patterson, daughter of Judge David Aiken, of Greenfield.

DARWIN M. CLARK, a retired farmer of Sunderland, was born in this town, September 24, 1824, son of Solomon and Susan (Smith) Clark. The family descends from William Clark, an early settler of Dorchester, Mass., born, it is said, in England about the year 1609. He is spoken of in the Rev. Solomon Clark's interesting memorial volume of Northampton as having been a passenger in the "Mary and John," which sailed for Massachusetts from Plymouth, England, in March, 1630. After spending some years in Dorchester, he removed in 1659 with his wife and family to Northampton, where he became active in public affairs. He was a Selectman seventeen years, a Representative fourteen years, and served as a Lieutenant in King Philip's War.

He died July 19, 1690; and the descent continues through his son John, who was born in Dorchester in 1651, and died in Northampton in 1704. Ebenezer Clark, son of John, was born in October, 1682, and died February 17, 1781. Jedediah Clark, born March 25, 1726, married Sarah Russell, and died August 9, 1800. Sylvanus Clark, son of Jedediah, was born in Sunderland in 1760, being one of the early inhabitants. He passed the major



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part of his life upon the farm now owned by his grandsons, the present residence having been erected by him. He became a prosperous farmer, and died February 28, 1846. He enrolled himself in the ranks of the Continental army at the age of sixteen, and served throughout the Revolutionary struggle. He was the father of four children, three of whom attained their majority; and Solomon, father of Darwin, was the second-born.

Solomon Clark was reared to farm work; and on reaching manhood he purchased a small piece of land in Sunderland, where he resided during the remainder of his life, attaining the age of seventy-six years. He was a well-known man, an Assessor for two years, and an attendant of the Congregational church. His wife was a daughter of Jonathan Smith, of Leverett. Of their eleven children five are still living, namely: Darwin M.; Sarah, widow of William S. Gould; Reuel B.; Ellen, widow of E. H. Knight; and Henry, who resides at the old homestead. Mrs. Solomon Clark lived to the age of ninety-four years and six months, and at the time of her decease was the oldest member of the Congregational church.

Darwin M. Clark received his education in the district schools, and remained with his parents until after his marriage. In 1851 he purchased a tract of land, upon which he erected a house, and brought the farm to a high state of cultivation. He resided there until 1890, when he removed to his present home, and has since lived retired from active labor, enjoying the ease and tranquillity which he has well earned, having passed through a long period of useful activity. He was formerly a Whig in politics, and followed the majority into the ranks of the Republican party at its formation, but for the last twelve years has voted with the Prohibitionists. He

has been a Selectman for seven years, and has served as Overseer of the Poor, Assessor, and Highway Surveyor.

On December 17, 1857, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Mary E. Hoyt, a native of Genesee County, New York, where she resided until reaching the age of fourteen years. She was a daughter of Jonathan Hoyt, a shoemaker by trade, who also followed agriculture, and in his latter years moved to Haydenville, the former home of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Congregational church. They have five children, as follows: Milford H., who married Emma F. Gay, and has four children — Clifford J., Raymond C., Addie May, and Milford H., Jr.; Flora F., wife of Christian F. Wichmann, a sailor and second officer in the merchant marine service, now living in Texas, having five children — Ralph D., Christina L., Neil, Hazel M., and Freda; Lewis L., a dentist at Kalamazoo, Mich., who wedded Nellie E. Stebbins; Ralph H., a dentist of Lansing, Mich., who married Sarah F. Gunn, and has one child — Hoyt D.; and Grace, who married for her first husband Winifred C. Hobart, by whom she had three children — Harold C., Flora F., and Winifred L. After the death of Mr. Hobart, she married Wirt Goodwin, a grocer of Sunderland, and has been called upon to mourn the loss of two children by this union.

PART A. RICE, whose portrait is presented in connection with this brief but interesting sketch of his personal and family history, has the distinction of being a descendant of the first white man that settled in this part of Franklin County, is a substantial and progressive agriculturist of Charlemont, and stands at the forefront

among its leading business men. He was born on the farm and in the house that he now occupies, May 21, 1830, his homestead being the first one redeemed from the wilderness in this locality. His great-grandfather, Moses Rice, was born October 27, 1694, at Sudbury, Mass., where he lived until middle life. He married Sarah King; and in 1742, accompanied by their children, they came to Western Massachusetts, which was then mainly a vast forest, in which wild animals and the dusky savage roved at will. After prospecting in this part of the county, he located on the site of the village of Charlemont, building a fort on the flats and a log cabin on the knoll where the house of the subject of this sketch now stands. He soon cleared enough land to raise some grain, but had to be very cautious as he worked; for the Indians, who were not pleased with the advance of these white-faced strangers, were very treacherous and hostile. While planting, the earlier pioneers had to keep their guns close at hand, but Mr. Rice unfortunately laid his down one day; and an Indian, stealing silently up, seized the gun, and shot him. This occurred June 11, 1755, and to his widow and the seven children—Samuel, Abigail, Aaron, Dinah, Sylvanus, Tanner, and Artemas—all grown to maturity, was left the care of the homestead.

Artemas Rice, grandfather of Hart A., was born October 22, 1734, in Sudbury, Mass.; and, being the youngest child of his parents, he remained at home to care for his widowed mother, and finally came into possession of the home farm, which contained one hundred and twenty-five acres. He labored with untiring industry to place the land in a tillable condition, and became one of the most prominent and well-to-do farmers of the vicinity. He erected a frame house and barn, built a saw-mill, in which he carried on a very exten-

sive business, furnishing lumber to all the new settlers for building purposes. He possessed great physical endurance, and lived to a good old age. He was a Whig in politics and a member of the Congregational church. His wife, whose maiden name was Asenath Adams, spent a long life on this sphere, and bore him seven children, as follows: James, Hart and Wealthy (both deceased), Elizabeth, Marinda, Louisa, and Roswell (deceased).

Roswell Rice was a lifelong resident on the farm on which he was born, succeeding to its ownership and making many fine improvements on the property. He repaired and remodelled the buildings, bought more land, at one time owning three hundred and twenty-five acres; and in addition to mixed husbandry he carried on a profitable lumber business. He was warmly interested in the welfare of his native town, and assisted its advancement by every means within his power. In politics he was very active, holding the town offices, and for several years was Representative to the State legislature. He was twice married, his first wife, formerly Sarah Hathaway, having died in young womanhood. After her death he married Amy Avery. His five children—Harriet, Harvey, Caroline, Charles, and Hart A.—were the fruits of his first union.

Hart A. Rice attended school and assisted on the farm during his years of boyhood and youth, and at the age of twenty years learned the blacksmith's trade, at which he worked for seventeen years, running a shop of his own. In 1865 Mr. Rice turned his attention to the pursuit to which he was reared, buying the S. Gale farm of two hundred acres, which he carried on for three years, meeting with excellent success. Selling that property, he returned to the pioneer home of his paternal ancestors; and, having bought out the interest-

of the other heirs, he has continued the improvements, being very enterprising and progressive, as well as practical, in his labors, enlarging the residence and barns, and building two new dwelling-houses on the place for the use of his sons. He has rebuilt the mills, putting in improved machinery for sawing and planing shingles, has erected a grist-mill, in which he does a great deal of grinding, and has built a cider-mill, where he has made as many as forty thousand bushels of apples into cider in a year, and in connection with which he has a distillery. His real estate consists of three hundred and twenty-five acres of land, mostly under cultivation; and in addition to tilling the land he is greatly interested in raising fine stock, having a valuable dairy of twenty-five cows, sixty head of sheep, besides some good work horses. Mr. Rice is a man of great business ability, and has won deserved success by his thorough mastery of his calling and his honest and upright dealings. He is a warm adherent of the Republican party, but has been too much engrossed by his private affairs to accept office.

In 1850 Mr. Rice was united in marriage with Fanny S. Vincent, a daughter of Oren Vincent, a prosperous farmer of Charlemont. Their pleasant wedded life has been brightened by the birth of eight children, of whom we record the following: Frank E., a farmer, residing in Greenfield, married Delia Duffy, and they have five children—Ella, Belle, Lawrence, Floyd, and Henry; Ellen M., the wife of Clarence Cobb, a farmer of Greenfield, has one child—Rose; Fred M., who died at the age of thirty-seven years, married Fanny Tucker (now deceased), who bore him two children—James and Minnie; Albert, a blacksmith, living at Keene, N.H., married Lizzie Brown, and they are the parents of two

children—Guy and Bessie; Arthur, a farmer and lumberman in Charlemont, married Mary Duffy, and they have two children—Clarence and Hart; Emma, an energetic and capable woman, is the leading dressmaker of Northampton; John, who is engaged in farming and milling at Charlemont, married Mary Dicks, and of the three children born to them Fanny and Ema M. are living, but May died when quite young; and William, engaged in business with his father, married Ellen Miller, and they have two sons—Walter and John.

GEORGE R. RUFFLE, a member of the Orange Knitting Company, whose factory is located at Farley, is a sagacious and successful business man and an esteemed citizen. Industrious and enterprising from his youth, he has gradually climbed the ladder of prosperity, having through his own merits reached his present advantageous position in the industrial world. He was born in Stoddard, Cheshire County, N.H., August 25, 1859, being a son of George Ruffle. His grandfather, Samuel Ruffle, lived in England until after marriage. Emigrating then to America, he settled in Keene, N.H., where he spent the remainder of his days, working somewhat at his trade as a glass-blower and carrying on farming pursuits, living until sixty years of age.

George Ruffle, the fourth son of Samuel and one of a family of ten children, was born and bred in Keene. He was reared on the home farm, and from his father learned the glass-blower's trade, at which he worked for a while in the place of his nativity, going from there to Stoddard, thence to South Lyndeboro, and finally to Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where he followed his occupation until his decease, in November, 1894, in the sixty-

fourth year of his age. While residing in Stoddard, he married Lucinda Loveland, a daughter of Roswell Loveland and a granddaughter of Samuel Loveland, who came of distinguished English ancestry, a genealogy of the family now being published by J. B. Loveland, of Fremont, Ohio, showing that an early ancestor was, many generations ago, Lord Mayor of London. Roswell Loveland was a farmer in Hancock, N.H., in his earlier days, but removed to Stoddard, which was the birthplace of his daughter Lucinda, finally going from there to the West, where he departed this life, having reared a family of eight children. Of the union of Mr. George and Lucinda Ruffle eight children were born, six of whom grew to mature years, and four are still living, namely: Flora, who married George Holt, of Bennington, N.H.; George R.; Harry, who has charge of the machinery in a silk factory at Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; and Eva May, the wife of Isaac Ham, of Poughkeepsie, where the mother still resides.

George R. Ruffle received his education in the district schools of his native town, and was reared to habits of industry and economy, becoming an assistant in his father's shop at an early age. Before attaining his majority he went to work in a glass factory at South Lyndeboro, N.H., where he remained until his removal to Poughkeepsie. After a short stay in that place he came to Massachusetts, locating in Shirley Village, where he learned the business of paper-making, continuing in the work eight years. Coming then to Franklin County, Mr. Ruffle took charge of two machines in Mr. Farley's factory at Farley, continuing thus employed for a year, and obtaining an insight into the business. In March, 1894, he purchased an interest in the Orange Knitting Company, with D. E. Farley, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in

this volume, and is now carrying on a thriving business, the factory turning out from forty to fifty dozens of mittens per day, being one of the leading factories of the kind in this part of the State.

Mr. Ruffle was united in marriage in 1880 with Miss Hattie E. Hastings, a native of Rindge, N.H., and the daughter of John and Louisa Hastings. Her father was a brave soldier of the late Rebellion, and lost his life while fighting for his country, leaving his widow with four young daughters, Hattie being the youngest. The others were Ella, who married Herbert Lawrence; Annie, the wife of Augustus B. Cram; and Mary Alice, who married Edward Ellis, of Taunton. Some time after the death of her first husband Mrs. Louisa Hastings became the wife of George M. Cram, by whom she had two children, only one of whom — Oscar E. — is now living. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffle has been blessed by the birth of two children — Gertrude H. and Harry E. Although taking no conspicuous part in politics, Mr. Ruffle early allied himself to the Republican party, of which he is an active though quiet supporter. Socially, he is an influential member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Orange, and of the Sons of Veterans of South Lyndeboro, N.H.

JOHN H. SANDERSON, of Greenfield, President of Franklin County Bank and agent of the Warner Manufacturing Company, established here more than twenty years ago, was born in Bernardston, Mass., an adjoining town, in 1841. He is of patriotic stock, his great-grandfather, Jonathan Sanderson, having been one of the brave minute-men, recruited from the ranks of the New England farmers, who stood firmly be-

fore the muskets of the British regulars at the battle of Bunker Hill; while another of the family, Moses Sanderson, a brother of Jonathan, served throughout the Revolutionary War.

Jonathan Sanderson's son John was born in Petersham, Worcester County, Mass., in 1767. In addition to carrying on general agriculture, he was a tanner and currier, and quite a wealthy man for his day. He was accidentally killed by a yoke of oxen on his farm in 1830. He married Lydia, the daughter of Dr. Morton, of Athol, Mass.; and of the two sons born to them but one grew to mature life — John Sanderson, Jr., father of John H., of whom we write. Mrs. Lydia M. Sanderson lived to the venerable age of eighty-three years, dying in Bernardston, her body being laid beside that of her husband in the rural cemetery of Petersham.

John Sanderson, Jr., was born in Petersham in 1814, and at the time of his marriage settled on a farm in Bernardston, Mass., where he has since resided, being one of the practical and well-to-do agriculturists of Franklin County. The maiden name of his wife, who died on the homestead in 1890, was Mary Osgood. Her parents, Elihu and Ruth (King) Osgood, were prosperous members of the farming community of Wendell, of which town they were natives. They reared four of their five children, two of them being now living, namely: Elihu C. Osgood, of Greenfield; and Samuel M. Osgood, of East Milton, Mass. Of the union of John and Lucy O. Sanderson six sons and three daughters were born; and, with the exception of a son named Lucien, who died at the age of eleven years, all grew to maturity. Three sons and three daughters are still living, all being residents of Franklin County, except Lucien, who is a dealer in fertilizers at New Haven, Conn.

John H. Sanderson was educated in the district school and at Powers Institute, and then began active life as a clerk in the Franklin County Bank, which was established in 1840. In 1862 he left his place there as teller to accept a similar position in the Springfield Bank, where he remained three years. He then started in an entirely new enterprise, forming a partnership with Cyrus Wilkinson and going to Savannah, Ga., where they engaged in a wholesale and retail saddlery business for two years. In 1867 the firm removed their stock to Chicago, Ill.; and two years later Mr. Sanderson returned to Bernardston. Since 1873 he has been at the head of the Warner Manufacturing Company, which is profitably engaged in the manufacture of baby carriages, hardware, and cutlery. Mr. Sanderson is one of the able business men and financiers of Greenfield, and for the past nine years has served with fidelity as President of the Franklin County Bank, besides being a stockholder and Director of the Electric Light Company and a Trustee of the Greenfield Library Association. Socially, he is a prominent and influential member of the Masonic fraternity, and in politics affiliates with the Democratic party, being a member of the School Committee.

On May 7, 1879, Mr. Sanderson was married to Jeannie F. Smith, a daughter of General Walter Smith, who was for many years Deputy Collector of the port of Mobile, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson have a pleasant home on Main Street, not far from the library. They greet their many friends with cordial hospitality.

FRANK BROWN, one of the prominent men in Rowe, Franklin County, Mass., was born in this town, March 20, 1829, son of Joseph R. and Sally

(M'Cloud) Brown, and grandson of Noah and Judith (Short) Brown. Noah Brown bought one hundred and fifty acres of unbroken upland in Rowe, where he was one of the first settlers, and, building a log cabin, established a home. He had a strong constitution and was fully qualified for the work he had undertaken, clearing and cultivating his large farm with tireless energy, and filling besides numerous offices in the town.

His son, Joseph R., was born on the homestead, June 7, 1788. He was self-educated and remarkably well-informed, making the most of chance opportunities, as educational advantages were not so universal then as now. When a young man he bought a stock of goods which he sold from door to door. Stores were far apart in those days, and his business prospered. After twenty years of mercantile life he bought a small farm, later adding to it until he had one hundred and sixty acres of land. Here he settled down to farming and stock-raising, and many of his improvements are in evidence to-day. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican, and in religion a Unitarian. He was twice married, his first wife, Sally M'Cloud, died at the age of thirty-six, leaving five children, one of whom is named at the head of the present sketch. His second wife, Antis R. Donaldson, bore two children — Esther D. and Louis N.

J. Frank Brown helped about the farm in boyhood, meanwhile attending the district school. When about twenty-seven years of age he went to Ogle County, Illinois, to take charge of a large farm; but, not finding the West congenial, he returned home and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Fifty-second Regiment, as Sergeant, under Captain A. P. Nelson and Colonel S. H. Greenleaf. His term of service covered eleven months, one of

the engagements in which he took part being that of Port Hudson. When discharged he returned home, and again enlisted in the Second Massachusetts Light Horse Artillery, taking part in the siege of Mobile. After his discharge, in June, 1865, he settled on his father's farm of one hundred and sixty acres, which he had purchased and where he lived for twelve years, making many improvements in the land and buildings. He then bought the farm upon which he now resides, which was known as the Star farm and which comprised one hundred and eighty-four acres. It is a fine estate and has large orchards and beautiful shade trees. Mr. Brown has repaired and remodelled many of the buildings; and the house, which was built over a hundred years ago, and was intended for a hotel, is a fine specimen of domestic architecture. Among other buildings erected by Mr. Brown is a cider-mill, where he has manufactured as much as ten tons of sweet cider jelly in a year, shipping it to different markets East and West. The view from the farm is magnificent; and the place is a favorite resort of city people, some seasons bringing forty-five boarders. Mr. Brown also has a fine dairy, and usually keeps about thirty head of cattle. In addition to all this, he is now interested in job printing and wholesale and retail stationery business in Greenfield.

On September 14, 1854, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Mary E., daughter of Samuel and Content (Walker) Stockwell, of Monroe, and grand-daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Blanchard) Stockwell, of Whitingham, Vt. Thomas Stockwell was a farmer and also conducted a cooper's business at Whitingham. He lived to be eighty-five years old. He was twice married and had ten children, six by his first wife, and by his second wife four. Samuel Stockwell, Mrs.

Brown's father, settled early in Monroe, where he bought a farm and also carried on shoemaking and cooperage, his life of seventy-two years being a very busy one. His first votes were cast in the Democratic interest, but later he changed his views and joined the Republican party. He was Selectman, Assessor, Poor Master, and School Commissioner for several terms, serving with credit to himself and his constituents. In religion he believed in the doctrines of the Universalist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had seven children, namely: Frank H., born February 15, 1857; Emory W., born September 5, 1858; Newton H., born June 25, 1866; Fred L., born October 2, 1868, died in childhood; Herbert S., born July 10, 1870; Gertrude K. M., born August 31, 1873; and Errol C., born March 27, 1878. Frank H., who is a graduate of Powers Institute at Bernardston, and was for seven years Principal of the Oakman High School at Turner's Falls, is now in the stationery business with his father at Greenfield. He married Emma Russell, and they have two children: Winifred R. and Reginald F. Emory W. is a mechanic at Miller's Falls; he and his wife, Anna R. Amidon, have one child, Earl W. Newton H. and Herbert S. are in the printing and stationery business with their father, the former married to Almira E. Dewey, the latter to Alice M. Plympton, who has one child. Gertrude K. M. is now in the State Normal School at Westfield.

In politics Mr. Brown is a Prohibitionist. He has always taken an active part in the town affairs, has served the Board of Selectmen, has been Assessor and Poor Master four years, and Constable and Tax Collector for two years. He is a member of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic at North Adams. He has been for many years a mem-

ber of the Unitarian church at Rowe, serving on the parish committee as chairman of the board, and has always taken a very active part in church work. He filled for some time the office of local agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and he was appointed United States census enumerator for his town in 1890. Mr. Brown has been called up by the Probate Judge to settle four different estates, a substantial recognition of his good judgment and practical ability.

CHARLES C. FLAGG, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Conway, Franklin County, who is successfully engaged in the lumber business, was born on the old Flagg homestead, in this town, January 7, 1839, son of Samuel and Rhoda (Macomber) Flagg. His grandfather, Eleazar Flagg, a native of Grafton, Mass., was one of the pioneer settlers of Conway. By trade he was a carpenter, but he owned a farm in the northern part of the town of Conway, and devoted the greater part of his time to agriculture. He died there at eighty years of age. His wife was before marriage Miss Sarah Warren.

Samuel Flagg, who was born on the family homestead, remained with his parents after he had grown to manhood and cared for them as long as they lived. When they had both departed, he purchased the interests of the other heirs and thus became the owner of the farm, which he continued to carry on with profit up to the time of his death, at seventy-one years of age. His wife, Rhoda Macomber Flagg, is still living. They reared six children — three sons and three daughters; namely, Charles C., George W., Fanny E., Susan W., Eleazar F., and Hattie M.

Charles C. Flagg, the eldest child, lived with his father and mother until he was six-

teen years of age. He then went to work in a saw-mill for William B. Fay, with whom he remained until Mr. Fay's death, in 1879. Mr. Fay made him heir to the property, which consists of a planing and saw mill with ten acres of land, and since that time Mr. Flagg has continued to conduct the business with good results. He obtains his supplies of timber from the surrounding woods, and turns out about five hundred thousand feet of sawed lumber each year, for which he finds a market in the immediate vicinity.

In 1860 Mr. Flagg was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Brown, a daughter of Isaiah Brown. She was born in Conway, Mass., where she received her education and grew to womanhood. Their union has been blessed by the birth of nine children, eight of whom are living, namely: Charles D., who married Miss Bertha Quinn, and has three children — Allie, Eva, and Eugene M.; Mary C., who is the wife of Donald McFarland, and has two children — Mary Isabelle and Everett; William M.; Grace E.; Edith E. and Elwin C., who are twins; Lottie S.; and Alice Maud. Alton E. died aged nine years. In political affiliation Mr. Flagg is a Democrat. He has served acceptably in town office for several years.

NATHAN C. BREWER, a well-known shoemaker, residing in the town of Montague, Mass., was born in Wendell, Franklin County, March 4, 1815. His father, Samuel Brewer, was a son of Nathan Brewer, a farmer in that town. Samuel Brewer received his education in the district schools of Wendell, his native place. When old enough he took up farm pursuits, and on coming of age he entered into the possession of the old homestead, where he continued to reside till the approach of declining years,

when he came to Montague, remaining here till his death, at the age of ninety-five years. He was a man of some prominence in his time, being one who took an interest in the affairs of the town, and from time to time held various offices. He was one of the Selectmen twenty-five years, an Assessor and Town Clerk several years. He also held the rank of Colonel of the old militia, his practical ability and strong traits of character marking him for a leader among his townsmen.

The maiden name of his wife was Miss Fanny Watts. She was a farmer's daughter, and was born in Worthington, Mass. Of their seven children three are still living, namely: Martha, wife of Benjamin Fay; Nathan C., of this account; and Mary, wife of John Paine. The deceased are: Caroline, Sarah, John W., and Aurelia. Their mother died in Montague at the age of eighty-eight. Both parents were members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Brewer's grandfather was also a Deacon of the church in the town of Wendell.

Nathan C. Brewer was educated in the common schools of his native town, and remained on the farm with his father until twenty years of age. He then learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed in Wendell two years and in Grafton one year, then going to Worthington and later coming to Montague, where he has continued to reside since 1841. Mr. Brewer built his present house the following year, and, having been here over half a century, naturally notes with interest the fact that but one other person now lives in the village who can show an equally long residence.

In 1836 Mr. Brewer was married to Miss Aurelia B. Marble, a daughter of Silas Marble. She was born in Worthington, where her father was a farmer and resided most of his life. Mr. and Mrs. Brewer reared four children, three of whom are now living;



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namely, Catherine, Harriet, and George. The other, a son Charles, was in the Fifty-second Regiment during the war, but returned and died later in Colorado. Catherine, wife of Horace Stratton, residing in Gill, has two children—Herbert and Clesson, the latter being married and the mother of two children. Harriet, widow of Thomas Burnham, has three children: Walter; Mattie, wife of Herman Silo, who has one child; and Willie. George married Miss Jennie Falcom, and they have four children—Charles, Miriam, Nathan, and Corinne. Mrs. Aurelia B. Brewer died at the age of fifty-nine. Mr. Brewer married for his second wife Mrs. Mehala Durkee, a daughter of Henry Burnham. Her father carried on for a time in New Hampshire the business of a clothier; but later, having removed to Montague, settled down as one of the old citizens of the town, it being his native place. His wife, Mrs. Sophia House Burnham, was the mother of eleven children, six of whom are still living. She died in Montague, at the age of forty-five years.

Mr. Brewer is a Republican in politics; and he and his family are members of the Congregational church, in which he has held various offices and with whose prosperity he has been identified, his wife also taking a prominent part in the societies and charitable work of the church and Sunday-school. Mr. Brewer has likewise held the rank of Captain in the State militia.

JAMES L. POWERS, a practical and progressive agriculturist of New Salem, is the worthy representative of one of the original settlers of this town, in which he was born June 19, 1824. The first immigrant of this family name in Massachusetts is supposed to have been one John Powers, or Power, who settled in Charlestown, Mass.; but little

appears to be known of him. From a genealogy of the Powers family by Amos H. Powers, of Chicago, published in 1884, we learn that James L., the subject of the present sketch, is a descendant, in the eighth generation, of Walter Powers, whose name appears in the Middlesex County Records in 1654, and who married, in 1660, Trial Shepard, and settled in that part of Concord, Mass., that is now Littleton. John Powers, grandson of Walter, was the first schoolmaster of Littleton. He married Elizabeth Robbins; and one of their children was Reuben, born in 1714, who married Isabel Wheeler. In 1743, Reuben Powers settled in Shutesbury with his family, which included five sons; namely, Asa, Reuben, David, Stephen, and Jesse.

Asa Powers was born November 25, 1742. Having grown to manhood, he bought five hundred acres of forest-covered land in what is now New Salem, then a part of Shutesbury, on which he erected a log cabin and proceeded to clear a farm. He endured all the hardships and privations incident to pioneer life, working untiringly, often in the midst of dangers. The family lived mostly on the productions of the land, the nearest markets, which were many miles away, being reached by means of a pathway marked by blazed trees. He and his wife are said to have had five children, the eldest, a son Asa, Jr., born January 30, 1766; the third, a daughter Lovina, born August 17, 1771; the fifth, a son Robert.

Asa Powers, Jr., succeeded to the ownership of his father's farm, and, continuing a tiller of the soil, he became one of the foremost farmers of his day. In the latter part of his long life he sold the farm proper to his son Chester, and built a commodious house for himself near by, this being the house now owned and occupied by his grandson, James L. Grandfather Powers was a prominent member

of the old Whig party, Captain of a company of State militia, and also a Captain in the War of 1812. To him and his wife, Louisa Felton (sometimes written Lois), ten children were born, as follows: John, Chester, Rebecca, Samuel, Alfred, Louis, Roswell, Anson, Robert, and Proctor.

Chester Powers was born on the farm now owned by his son, William L. Powers, and there spent his long life of seventy-five years. He was an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist, and made many improvements on the paternal homestead, including the erection of new farm buildings and the house now standing. He married Sarah Lamb, a smart, capable woman and an active worker in the Congregational church, of which both were members. They reared the following children: Charles D., William LaForest, James L., Harrison Gray Otis, Arsula, Sarah, Adaline, and Lavina.

James L. Powers received a fair education in the district schools of his native town, and at the age of fifteen left home to earn his own living. He worked for the farmers of the vicinity until arriving at man's estate, when he bought the old home of his grandfather, and here began farming on his own account. Mr. Powers has since bought and sold other farms, and, in addition to general husbandry, has been at times extensively and profitably engaged in lumbering, buying wood lots, from which he has cleared the timber and made it ready for the market. The house he now occupies was built, as above mentioned, by his grandfather, more than a century ago; and this he has made over into one of the finest and most conveniently arranged dwellings to be found in this vicinity. His farm is small and well-kept, and its neat appearance bespeaks the diligence and thrift of the owner.

On November 25, 1851, Mr. Powers was

united in marriage with Lucy J. Jones, a native of Stratton, Vt., born December 8, 1830. Her father, the Rev. Nelson B. Jones, was born in 1806, at Wardsboro, Vt., and was for fifty years an active minister of the Baptist denomination. He lived eighty-three years; and his wife, whose maiden name was Lucy K. Glazier, lived to the venerable age of eighty-six years. They were the parents of seven children: Lyman G., Jason D., Lucy J., Frances C., Adaline D., Adelaide H., and Nelson B. Seven children also came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Powers, of whom we record the following: Eva G., born September 3, 1852, married Eugene S. Brown, was afterward killed by the cars; Cora I., born August 13, 1854, died at the age of twenty; James L. died in infancy; George A., born December 24, 1859, now a grocer at Athol, married Mabel S. Houston; Freddie M. died when a year old; Myrtie A., born January 16, 1866, is the wife of Herbert N. Leach, of Worcester, and has one child, Cora M.; Ernest L. died when only a year and a half old. Mrs. Powers is a faithful and valued member of the Baptist church.

In his political affiliations Mr. Powers is a decided Republican. His ancestral tree having been long planted in American soil, in the breezy Northland, he is naturally a thorough-going patriot, and is one who proved his loyalty and his valor by serving in the ranks as a defender of the Union in the war of the Rebellion. A portrait of this highly respected citizen, easily recognized by his acquaintances, may be seen on a neighboring page.

GILMAN N. WATSON is a well-to-do farmer of Leverett, and also owns a saw-mill, which he successfully operates. He was born in this town March

15, 1832, and is the son of Horatio N. Watson, a native of North Leverett. The grandfather, Samuel Watson, who was a farmer, was born, it is believed, at Princeton, and, when a young man, settled in Leverett, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was the father of a family of eight children.

Horatio N. Watson, son of Samuel, was reared to farm life, and also carried on a successful business in the manufacture of chairs made of pine strips which were carved by hand. After devoting himself to this industry for twelve years, he returned to the cultivation of his farm. He was a Democrat and a prominent man in his town, serving several terms as Selectman, and was a Representative to the State legislature in 1839 and 1850. He died at the age of eighty years. His wife was Sarah B. Leach, daughter of Lemuel Leach, a blacksmith of Shutesbury. She became the mother of six children, three of whom are still living, namely: Truman M.; Gilman N.; and Henrietta M., who married Norris S. Henry. The mother died in her fifty-eighth year.

Gilman N. Watson resided with his parents until his majority. He worked as a journeyman at the sash, door, and blind business, at Athol, at Erving, and at Greenfield for over ten years. On August 21, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteers, and served nine months, receiving his discharge at Greenfield. He then returned to Leverett, where he was for a time employed with his father in farming, and later rebuilt the saw-mill upon the site of the one formerly operated by his father, succeeding to the possession of the mill and farm at the latter's death in 1880. The property consists of about one hundred and fifty acres, well located and fitted with fine buildings; and there Mr. Watson has resided, the mill and farm taking up his entire attention.

In 1854 he was united in marriage to Laura Gilbert, daughter of Lucius and Eliza (Taylor) Gilbert, a native of this town, where her father was an early settler. Mr. and Mrs. Watson have had three children: Clifton H., an engineer; Effie V., who married Eugene D. Smith, and died at the age of thirty-six years; and Rosabel L., who married E. E. Chalmers, a lawyer in Montpelier, Idaho, and has two children — Maurine and George.

Mr. Watson was formerly a Republican in politics, but now votes with the Democratic party, as did his father. He is interested in the local government and has been an Assessor for eight years. He is a member of the Bay State Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Montague, having joined the craft in 1868, and has served as Senior Warden. He is also a member of Armstrong Post, No. 150, Grand Army of the Republic, at Montague, of which he has been Commander two years and was Quartermaster six years. In religious belief he is a Spiritualist.

FLORACE W. FIELD, a veteran of the Civil War, is a prosperous farmer of Leverett Centre and also a dealer in corrugated steel roofing. He was born in Hatfield, Hampshire County, on January 24, 1846, his father, Abner Field, having been a native of Sunderland, and his grandfather, Walter Field, a native of Leverett. Abner Field, after his marriage, purchased a farm at Hatfield, which he occupied for some years, and then selling it removed to Whately. Later he purchased a farm at Sunderland, which he carried on for a period of three years. He finally settled at Leverett, where he died in 1893, aged seventy-seven years. His wife, Wealthy Putney, daughter of John Putney, a life-long farmer of Goshen, Hampshire County, Mass., became the mother of

four children, all of whom reached maturity: Maria, who married Deacon William Ashley; Horace W.; Charles; and Susan, wife of Moses Field, who, although of the same name, is of another family. The mother died at the age of sixty-two. She was a member of the Congregational church, as was also her husband, who was very prominent in Sunday-school work.

Horace W. Field spent his childhood and early youth at home, acquiring his education in the district schools of his native town and at a select school in Leverett. In his seventeenth year he enlisted as a private in Company F, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and, after serving eleven months and having taken part in the battle of Port Hudson, he was discharged in August, 1863. He immediately re-enlisted in the Second Massachusetts Cavalry, with which he saw some extremely hard fighting, being with Sheridan all through his famous Shenandoah campaign, during which he lost two horses, one being shot from under him and the other killed while standing in front of a skirmish line. He was present at the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek, and was discharged at Fairfax Court-house on July 20, 1865, as a Corporal.

At the close of the war Mr. Field returned to Leverett, where he was for a time engaged with his father in farm work. He then purchased a piece of farm property in the east part of the town, and lived there for some time, or until he came to his present farm. Aside from farming, he was for a period of eight years engaged in the manufacture of boxes, and has recently taken up steel roofing with satisfactory results.

In 1873 he was united in marriage to Susan Hubbard, of Leverett, daughter of George Hubbard, an extensive woollen manufacturer and a prominent citizen of the town. She had a

sister, who died while yet young. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Field was a daughter, Lucy Edith, who died at the age of eight years.

Mr. Field is a Republican in politics, and has served as Collector two years and as Assessor seven years. He has been for the past nine years a member of the School Board, for eleven years a Justice of the Peace, and is at the present time Constable, Collector, and Assessor. He is a comrade of the Grand Army post at Montague, of which he has held the position of Officer of the Day. He is a member of the Congregational church, and has been superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mrs. Field is prominent in the various church societies.

JOSHUA BARON TOTMAN, an enterprising farmer of Conway, was born at Colerain, September 2, 1820. His father, Jonathan Totman, was born in the same town on the same farm, in September, 1775; and his grandfather, Stoddard Totman, was a native of Plymouth County, Mass. Stoddard was a son of Joshua Totman, who, in all probability, was born in Plymouth County, as he came from there to Franklin County immediately after the Revolutionary War. He was an elderly man at the time of his removal, and died a few years later. Stoddard Totman acquired the trade of a shoemaker, and resided in Plymouth County until after his marriage. He then moved to Colerain, where he purchased a tract of land and erected the log house in which his son Jonathan was born. He eventually cleared a good farm, constructed a substantial residence, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death, or as long as he was able to engage in active labor. He lived to the age of eighty-eight years. He served in the Revolutionary War,

and was a pensioner during the latter years of his life. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Cobb, became the mother of three sons and four daughters.

Jonathan Totman made the best of his opportunities for obtaining an education, and in young manhood taught school at Colerain. He cared for his parents during their declining years, and, succeeding to the possession of the homestead after their decease, resided thereon the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-eight. He became prominent in public affairs, was a Selectman and Assessor, and served as Town Clerk for many years. He married Jennie Smith, daughter of Calvin and Anna Smith, of Colerain, and she died at the age of forty-two years. Their children were: Calvin S., Joshua Baron, and David S.

Joshua Baron Totman acquired his education in the district schools and the Shelburne Falls Academy. At about the age of twenty years he taught school two terms, but aside from this he has always followed agricultural pursuits. He resided with his father and step-mother, and inherited the home farm in Colerain, which he conducted until 1869, when he sold the property, and, removing to Conway, purchased his present farm. He has dealt considerably in live stock, has fed as high as two hundred and twenty-five head of sheep, and now carries on a dairy which consumes the product of twenty cows.

Mr. Totman was married on June 18, 1846, to Hannah Hawkes, daughter of Oren Hawkes, of Charlemont, where she was born March 2, 1824. Oren Hawkes, a native of Charlemont, was the son of Rufus Hawkes, a farmer, who was also born in that town, his father, Gersham Hawkes, formerly of Deerfield, having been one of the first settlers of Charlemont. Gersham Hawkes served in the French and Indian War; he died

December 28, 1799. His wife was Thankful Corse, daughter of James Corse. Rufus Hawkes married Roana Nichols. Oren Hawkes inherited his father's farm in Charlemont, and occupied it until his decease. His wife was Sophia Taylor, of Buckland, daughter of William and Experience (Totman) Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Totman have five children living, namely, Margaret, Jennie F., Frederick, Walter, and Theron; and they mourn the loss of four — Harriet D., Jonathan E., Calvin S., and Edwin J. Margaret is the wife of Baxter B. Noyes, and the mother of five children: Buffum B., Gertrude, Mattie, Winnie, and Mabel. Jennie Frances Totman married for her first husband Israel Boyden, and for her second, David Newhall (see sketch on another page). Frederick Totman married Jennie K. Brower, and has seven children: Francis, Sarah, Chester, Minnie, Hattie, Mary, and Ruth J. Walter, who married Jennie Willis, has two children: Ethel M. and Helen. Theron Totman married Myra Adams, and had one son named Rawson Joshua, who died at the age of eight months and twenty-seven days. Harriet D. Totman married Major Theodore Poole, of Syracuse, N.Y., now member of Congress from his district. Mrs. Poole died leaving one daughter, Harriet. Mr. and Mrs. Totman have twenty grandchildren living. Mr. Totman is a Republican in politics, is well-informed on current events, and is a very successful farmer.

ROAH RANKIN, a chair and box manufacturer of Erving, is one of the best-known citizens of the town, of which he has been a resident since 1854, and in which for many years he has been prominent in public affairs. He was born in Hiram, Me., November 19, 1835, son of

Joseph and Lydia (Wentworth) Rankin, the paternal grandfather having been named Joseph, and a resident of the town of Hiram most of his life.

Joseph Rankin, the younger, was born in Buxton, Me., and was brought up to the lumber business by his father, with whom he worked for some years. He next engaged in business in the town of Hiram, where he accumulated some property, including a mill, farm, and store, all of which he operated successfully. In 1853 he came to Erving and purchased a store in the village, also buying an interest in the match wood business, which was carried on here for some years. He conducted both these enterprises until 1861, when he sold the match business and purchased the wood seat chair business of Hale & Gould, in which he remained engaged until his death, February 19, 1886. He was much respected as a man and citizen, and his death was a loss to the town in which he had lived more than thirty years.

His wife, Lydia Wentworth, was a native of Hiram, Me., a daughter of Jonathan Wentworth, a farmer of that place. She reared three children, of whom two are still living: Jane P., who married E. H. Sping, a farmer and coal dealer of Erving; and Noah, whose name appears above. Another son, Mark, laid down his life for his country in the great civil strife. He enlisted as Orderly Sergeant, Company B, Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment, in 1862, and went to the front. He took part in several hard-fought battles, and was taken prisoner May 12, during Butler's campaign on the James River, and conveyed to Libby Prison, whence after a two weeks' stay he was transferred to Andersonville Prison, where he remained until the latter part of August. He was then transferred to Savannah, and from there to Millen, Ga., where he

died December 11, 1864, one of the vast number whose blood has cemented the firm structure of our great Union. The mother of these three children spent her last years in Hiram, and died there at the comparatively early age of thirty-eight. Both she and her husband were members of the Methodist church, in which he was a local preacher in his earlier years. He held several public offices, among them that of Selectman of Erving and Postmaster of the town for several years. He was an antislavery man and a staunch Republican.

Noah Rankin acquired his education in the district schools and in the academies at Parsonsfield, Me., and Deerfield, Mass. He early learned something of farming; and he became initiated into business methods soon after leaving school by working as a clerk in his father's store, retaining this position until his father's death. He then took control of the store and chair factory, and managed both successfully until 1878, when he sold the store, but continued to conduct the factory, which he still owns and manages. In 1891 he added to his chair manufacture the making of all kinds of wooden boxes, in which business he has been more than ordinarily successful. He is the owner of some timber land, from which he gets the material needed in his box industry. His success is due to his industry and good business abilities, including a keen intelligence and an ample fund of strong common sense, which admirably fit him for public as well as private responsibilities. His fellow-townsmen have been quick to recognize his capacity as a man of affairs and one worthy of confidence; and he has been called upon to serve in various public offices, having been Town Clerk for eighteen years, Justice of the Peace since the age of twenty-one, and a member of the legislature in 1871. He has also served as Selectman fifteen years, having been





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chairman of the board most of that time, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor nearly thirteen years, and Postmaster nearly a quarter of a century, all of which positions he has filled with efficiency and fidelity to the public interests.

In December, 1862, Mr. Rankin was united in marriage to Miss Polena L. Peck, of Royalston, Mass., where her father, Lyman Peck, was a prosperous farmer. Her mother was Lorina Davis before marriage, and Mrs. Rankin was one of eight children and the only daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Rankin have two children, namely: Pauline Lydia, who, after graduating from the high school at Athol, received a thorough musical education at the Conservatory of Music in Boston, and is now an able and successful teacher of the divine art; and Joseph Lyman, who obtained a substantial business education at the Bryant & Stratton Business College in Boston, and is now employed by the firm of Fowle, Hibbard & Co. of that city, having been with them for eight years.

Mr. Rankin is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Masonic lodge of Orange. The family stand high in public estimation, ranking among the first in character and intelligence in the town of Erving.

FREDERICK H. SMITH, the original of the excellent portrait on the adjoining page, is an enterprising agriculturist and easily one of the foremost citizens of Ashfield. He was born in the adjoining town of Buckland, July 12, 1840, son of Hoyt and Content (Dodge) Smith, and grandson of Elisha and Diantha (Butler) Smith. Mr. Smith's great-grandfather, Elijah Smith, removed from Upton to Buckland, where he died at a good old age.

Elisha Smith was born September 6, 1785, and settled in the western part of Buckland, near the town of Hawley, on a farm of one hundred acres, now owned by Walter Smith. He cleared and cultivated the land, but was a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation much of his time. He served with the rank of Captain in the War of 1812. He was a Free Mason, a member of Republican Lodge, of Greenfield; and at the time of the Morgan excitement he was expelled from church membership because of his refusal to renounce his Masonic affiliations. His death occurred October 23, 1853. His wife, Diantha Butler, whom he married January 4, 1809, was born October 17, 1788, and died September 1, 1832. They were people highly respected for their many sterling qualities, and were the parents of the following children: Sarah, Hoyt, Elisha, Roswell, Diantha, Zenas E., and Caroline.

Hoyt Smith, the eldest son of Elisha, was born May 26, 1812, in the town of Buckland, and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed through life. He also owned a farm and engaged to some extent in agriculture, being successful in both occupations. He was first married October 16, 1834, to Content Dodge, who was born November 3, 1814. She died September 2, 1852, leaving six children: Elisha, Charles, Frederick H., Abby, Emerette, Eliza. Mr. Smith's second wife, formerly Olive Howard, bore him four children: Frank F., Walter D., Henry A., and George Preston.

Frederick H. Smith, whose lineage we have thus traced, was educated in the schools of his native town and acquired from his father a practical knowledge of farming and carpenter work. In 1864 he married and came to Ashfield; and, after being for a time employed by his father-in-law, he bought an interest in the

farm. His management of the property has been judicious. He has made many improvements by fertilizing the soil and erecting better and more substantial buildings. They are also the owners of five hundred and sixty acres of land near Chicago, where they have a fine stock farm, which is conducted by Mr. Smith's son, Luther Williams. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and was a member of the legislature in 1884. He belongs to Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Shelburne Falls. He is also prominent in the Congregational church of Ashfield, where he has been Deacon for twenty years and superintendent of the Sunday-school for twenty-five years. Mr. Smith went to Dixie Land with the Boys in Blue in 1862, enlisting in Company E, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, under Colonel H. S. Greenleaf, and going to Baton Rouge, La., with the regiment, which was attached to the hospital corps. He remained in the service until August 14, 1863, when he received his discharge and returned home.

Mr. Smith was married November 9, 1864, to Miss Priscilla M. Williams, who was born in Ashfield, on the farm where she now resides, daughter of Atherton and Sarah (Howes) Williams. Mrs. Smith has an interesting genealogical record. Her father, Atherton Williams, was born on the same farm, February 1, 1819, son of David and Priscilla H. (Hall) Williams, and grandson of Ephraim and Mercy (Daniels) Williams. The parents of Ephraim Williams were Daniel and Rebecca (Hunt) Williams, the former being the son of Daniel and Mercy (Dean) Williams, who came to this country from England. Daniel, the immigrant, was born in 1679, and died in 1735. His wife, Mercy, was born in 1684, and died in 1776, during the Revolutionary struggle. Their son Daniel, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was born June 25,

1718, at Taunton, Mass. His son Ephraim was born December 17, 1747, in Easton, Mass., and was a surveyor by occupation. He settled at Spruce Corners, in the town of Ashfield, in 1775, and assisted in surveying the town, then a wilderness, receiving for payment several parcels of land, so that in later years he gave to each member of his family a good farm. He died March 9, 1839. His first wife, Mercy Daniels, by whom he had nine children, died on April 13, 1793. By his second wife, Esther Packard, he had no child.

David Williams, grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was born December 6, 1776, in Spruce Corners. He received from his father the farm of two hundred and fifty acres now belonging to his son Atherton and the subject of this sketch, it being at that time heavily timbered. He cleared off the timber, built a good dwelling, and became a very prosperous farmer. His death occurred June 19, 1862. His wife, Priscilla Hall, was born October 20, 1779, and died March 10, 1860. Their children were as follows: David, Seth, Mercy D., Ephraim, Samuel, Luther, Charles F., and Atherton.

The latter, Mrs. Smith's father, was born February 1, 1819, and was married July 7, 1842, to Sarah Howes. She was born April 15, 1820, and was a daughter of Kimball and Abigail (White) Howes, further mention of the Howes family being found elsewhere in this volume. Atherton Williams inherited the old homestead, to which he has since added more land, and in 1854 built a fine residence thereon. He also built a saw-mill to prepare his timber for market, and dealt largely in lumber for some years, being still so engaged in company with Frederick H. Smith, his son-in-law. They have greatly improved the farm by the erection of a fine barn and other buildings, it being considered

one of the finest farms in the town of Ashfield. They have also a large dairy, and own other property in Ashfield as well as in the State of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Atherton Williams had four children, of whom the only one now living is Priscilla M., Mrs. Frederick H. Smith. The others were: Luther E., Eliza I., and Lizzie A.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, as follows: Grace C., born August 1, 1868, who, after graduating from Smith College, became the wife of F. S. Cooley, professor in the State Agricultural School at Amherst, and has one child—Esther Belle; Luther Williams, born March 14, 1872, who graduated from the Amherst Agricultural College in 1893, married February 22, 1894, Carrie P. Wright, and, as above mentioned, has charge of the Smith & Williams stock farm at Manteno, Ill.; Charles A., born October 29, 1876; and Belle W., whose birth occurred December 26, 1879. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and the family is numbered among the most intelligent and respected in the town of Ashfield.

NAHUM JONES, who is now living in retirement at his home in Warwick, Mass., was born in Gerry, Mass., now called Phillipston, December 22, 1807, son of Colonel Amos and Louisa (Maynard) Jones.

According to a genealogy issued by William Blake Trask in 1878, the family are of Welsh origin and descend from Lewis Jones, who, with his wife Ann or Anna, about the year 1640 joined the church in Roxbury, Mass. Their names are recorded in the handwriting of their pastor, the Rev. John Eliot, the famous apostle to the Indians. Lewis Jones removed to Watertown about the year 1650. His wife died May 1, 1680. He died April

11, 1684. They had four children, one born in England, two in Roxbury, and one in Watertown. Later some of the descendants removed to Weston. They were generally engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Jones's grandfather, Jonathan Jones, was born in Weston, June 11, 1739, and died in Gerry, now Phillipston, August 2, 1803. His widow moved to Warwick, Mass., in 1815, and died there October 30, 1828. Mr. Jones's father, Amos Jones, was the third of eleven children, and was born February 14, 1777. He resided for many years on the old homestead at Phillipston. In 1814 he moved to Batavia, N.Y., where he died. He married Louisa, daughter of Gardner Maynard, of Gerry. She died October 15, 1809, aged twenty-six years. Her two children were: Nahum and Permelia Louisa. Permelia married Sylvanus W. Baker, M.D., and removed to Ohio, where she died February 12, 1859.

Nahum Jones came to Warwick when a child of scarcely eight years, in 1815, and had his home with his grandmother, working on the farm and attending the district school. At the age of twenty years he went to Athol, where he was for a time engaged in learning the trade of a tanner. He later went to Boston and was employed by a dealer in hides, with whom he remained some time, and then began manufacturing boots and shoes. In 1834 Mr. Frederick Jones, a relative, entered into partnership with him and continued until 1849. For a few years Mr. Josiah M. Jones was a partner, and later the firm of Jones, Robbins & Co. was formed. This firm dissolved in 1859, and Mr. Jones continued the business alone. He was a large and successful dealer in boots and shoes for thirty years. He lost heavily by the Civil War of 1861-65, having dealings with customers in the Southern States. In 1871 he gave up business in Bos-

ton and removed to Warwick, where some years previous he had established a boot manufactory. He retired permanently from business in 1880.

On February 27, 1830, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Murch. She was the daughter of Nicholas and Hannah Murch, and was born in Biddeford, Me. She became the mother of six children, three of whom are living, namely: James Alfred, who is married and has two children—James Alfred, Jr., and Grace Boyd; Louisa Maynard, widow of Henry Clinton Hall, who has a daughter, Ella Louisa; and third, Maria Jones, unmarried. Mr. Jones's first wife died at the age of thirty-seven years, and he wedded for his second wife Lucy Blake. She was the daughter of Samuel and Betsey (Fay) Blake, born in Boston. They have had four children: Lucy Ella, deceased; Gardner Maynard, librarian of the Salem Public Library; Mary Frances; and Clara Augusta. Mary Frances married Edward Blake Clapp and resides in Dorchester. They have four children: Frederick Gardner, Clifford Blake, Prescott Jones, and Chalmers Stevens.

Mr. Nahum Jones assisted in establishing the Warwick Free Library in 1871, and has held the various offices connected with it. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Unitarian parish. He is now in his eighty-eighth year. It has been given him to enjoy length of days with mental and physical vigor and serene content of life far beyond the common lot of man.

FREDERICK H. KING, an influential and much respected citizen of Miller's Falls, engaged in the ice, wood, and lumber business, was born in Guilford, Vt.,

October 14, 1840, son of Joseph and Catherine (Bangs) King. Their original ancestors in this country settled in Long Island; but at the time of the invasion of the British the family, being obliged to bury all valuables and also to leave their home, removed to Connecticut. It was there that John King, the grandfather of Frederick H. was born and spent his life. Joseph King, son of John, was also a native of Connecticut. He removed from there, however, and a portion of his life was spent in New York State; but his last years were passed in Guilford, Vt., where he died at the age of sixty-six. Joseph King's wife, Catherine Bangs, the daughter of a farmer at Montague, Mass., bore him nine children, of whom three grew to adult life, and two are now living: Frederick H.; and Frank R., of Guilford, Vt. The mother died in Guilford in her eighty-fourth year, April 24, 1885.

Frederick H. remained with his father on the farm until the civil strife broke out, when he enlisted as a private in Company B, Sixteenth Vermont Regiment, from which after nine months' service he was honorably discharged. Mr. King then returned to Guilford, but soon after went to Worthington, Mass., and purchased a farm, which he sold eight years later, in 1872, and came to Miller's Falls, where he erected his present home. He first purchased a stock of dry goods, ready-made clothing, and gentlemen's furnishing goods, selling out after eight years of successful trade. Mr. King next engaged in the livery business; and, from a modest beginning with but one horse, his custom increased so that he had a well-equipped livery stable and thirteen horses when, after having engaged in this vocation eight years, he sold the business to his son-in-law. He then became a dealer in wood, lumber, and ice.

In 1862 Mr. King was married to Mary A.

Albee, daughter of Albert R. and Mary L. (Austin) Albee, the former of whom was a native of Orange, but had removed to Erving, where the daughter was born. Mrs. King's great-grandfather, Asa Albee, was a native of Massachusetts; he died in Erving at ninety years of age. Her grandfather, Earle Albee, who was born in Milford, Mass., and who followed farming for many years, died in Erving in his eighty-fifth year. Albert R. Albee was long engaged in agriculture in Erving; he was prominent in all town affairs, and was one of the best-known men of Franklin County. Among the offices of responsibility and trust that he was called upon to fill was that of Selectman, in which he served over thirty years. In 1854 he was chosen to represent his town in the legislature, and he was special commissioner for three years. He returned to Orange in the latter part of his life, and died there in February, 1892, at seventy-nine. He left a second wife, who was formerly Mrs. Martha C. Ward, by whom he had no children.

Mr. Albee's first wife, Mary L. Austin, was born in Erving, Mass., being a daughter of Louis Austin, who was a native of Norton, Mass., but had taken up the occupation of farmer in Erving, where he died at eighty-two. The Austin family are lineal descendants of a sister of William Penn, to whom Pennsylvania owes so much and whose name will ever be honored in the pages of our country's history. Mrs. Mary L. Albee, who died in Erving at sixty years of age, was the mother of three children: D. Lucena, widow of Oscar R. Cushman, a farmer of Worthington, who died in Miller's Falls; Mary A.; and Hudson E., of Orange. Mrs. Cushman was educated at Shelburne Falls Academy, and is a member of the Congregational church at Miller's Falls, of which she is treasurer. Mary A. Albee, the wife of the subject of this sketch, was edu-

cated in Powers Institute, Bernardston, and her whole life has been spent in Franklin County with the exception of eight years in Worthington, Hampshire County.

Mr. and Mrs. King have had four children, of whom two are now living: N. Augusta, the wife of John A. Taggart, who bought the livery stable business of his father-in-law, and who has three sons—Deane P., Bert, and an infant as yet unnamed; and Carl Hudson King. The deceased were Albert J. and Mary C. King. Mr. and Mrs. King are both believers in Republican principles; and he takes an active part in town affairs, and has held among other offices that of Selectman eight years. He is now serving his fourth year as Commander of Armstrong Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Montague, and is also a member of the Knights of Honor of Greenfield. He and his wife are active and prominent members of the Congregational church. Mr. King has served as superintendent in the Sunday-school, in which his wife is a teacher; and she also holds the office of clerk of the church.

CHARLES H. JENNISON, a young and prosperous farmer residing in Wendell, near Lock's Village, was born on the farm where he now lives, July 21, 1862. He is the son of Lowell F. and Lucy Ann (Greenwood) Jennison, the former of whom was a native of Natick, Mass. The grandfather, Arthur Jennison, was also a native of that place. Lowell F. Jennison was reared a farmer and followed that vocation during the greater part of his life, commencing when a young man by working out by the month. In 1857 he moved to the present home of the subject of this sketch, purchasing what was then known as the old Ballard Hotel.

He died here September 13, 1893, at the age of seventy-one. In political matters he was a supporter of the Republican party. His wife, Lucy Ann Greenwood, was a daughter of Moses Greenwood, a farmer of Needham, Mass. She reared a family of five children, namely: Edward; Charles H.; Ida, who became the wife of Oliver Carter, a farmer of Amherst, N.H.; George; and Fred A. The mother now resides with her son, Charles H. Both parents were members of the Methodist church, the father taking an active interest in the work of the church and especially in its Sunday-school. Charles H. Jennison is the present owner of the old homestead, which contains two hundred acres of land, which he devotes principally to dairying. He also cuts a large quantity of lumber; and he has besides a large sugar bush, which turns out about two hundred gallons of syrup annually. He was united in marriage August 29, 1894, to Miss Nellie Groves, daughter of the Rev. W. B. Groves, of West Brimfield. Mr. Jennison is a member of the New England Order of Protection, of Orange, Mass.; and in politics he is a Republican.

DENNIS E. FARLEY, a member of the Farley Paper Company, manufacturers of paper, pulp, and cardboard, whose mills are located in the village of Farley, Franklin County, Mass., was born at Colerain, in the northern part of the county, June 12, 1852, son of Lyman and Hannah (Call) Farley. His great-grandfather emigrated from England, and became an early settler in Colerain. Joel Farley, Mr. Farley's grandfather, who was born in Colerain, owned an extensive tract of land in that town, which he cultivated, becoming a prosperous farmer. He was Colonel in the State militia, a Representative to the legislature in 1834, and a

prominent man of his day. Colonel Farley married a Miss Bradford, of "Mayflower" Pilgrim ancestry.

Their son, Lyman Farley, was brought up on the home farm and was early trained to agricultural labors. He resided with his parents until his marriage, when he took charge of the farm owned by his wife's mother, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his days. He became a successful farmer and died at the age of forty-seven years. Lyman Farley married Hannah Call, a native of Colerain, her family having been early settlers there; and she has passed all her days upon the old Call homestead, where she is now living at the age of seventy years. She is the mother of five children, namely: Joseph B.; Oliver, who married J. W. Stowell, of Putney, Vt.; Dennis E., of Farley; Lilla; and H. I. Farley, who is engaged as foreman in his brothers' mill.

Dennis E. Farley received a good education, first attending the schools of his native town, and completing his studies at Shelburne Falls Academy. At the age of eighteen years, he went to Bellows Falls, Vt., where he was employed in the mills, and obtained the first knowledge of his present business. He was next engaged in the ready-made clothing business at Westfield, Mass., for a Brooklyn concern, in which he continued for three years, and then spent some time in travelling through the New England States, opening branch stores. He finally purchased a store at Orange, Mass., which he successfully conducted for several years; and after selling out in 1881, he, in company with his brother Joseph, established a paper-mill at Wendell, which they conducted with satisfactory results. Their plant was twice destroyed by fire; and after the second conflagration they purchased a tract of land situated about ten miles from

Wendell, where they constructed a large dam and erected their present extensive mills, giving life to a section previously undeveloped. They constructed a bridge over the river, erected a hotel, and tenement-houses for the accommodation of their employees, secured the location of a post-office, and have prevailed upon the Fitchburg Railroad Company to make the settlement a regular stopping-place, thus establishing a thriving little village, which less than ten years ago was unknown.

In 1890 Mr. Farley laid the foundation of the knitting-mill, which is conducted under the name of the Orange Knitting Company, Mr. George R. Ruffle becoming associated with him in the enterprise. This has expanded into large proportions; and, although at the present time they are producing several hundred thousand dozen pairs of mittens annually, their business in this line is constantly increasing. Mr. Farley is also Treasurer of the Frick Piano Case Company, which is located near by, the other members of the company being Messrs. J. B. Farley and George Frick. The Farley Brothers' Paper Mill is producing ten tons of superior paper per day, and ten complete piano cases is the ordinary daily output of the Piano Case Company. Mr. Farley attends personally to the selling of their products; and, as he is an expert in that particularly exacting department of an industrial enterprise, goods are kept constantly upon the move.

In 1876 Mr. Farley married Clara A. Chapman, daughter of David A. Chapman, a well-known building contractor of Greenfield. Mr. Farley is well advanced in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the Blue Lodge in Orange, the Chapter in Greenfield, Orange Commandery, and the Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Boston. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the

Encampment, the Order of Red Men and the Ancient Order of United Workmen — in all of which he stands very high. He is independent in his political views, and has several times been a candidate for Representative to the legislature. He has served several years as Selectman, and is now in office. Both he and his wife are liberal in their religious views.

GILBERT L. RIST, a leading merchant of Turner's Falls and one of the largest dealers in boots, shoes, and clothing in that part of the State, was born in Uxbridge, Worcester County, Mass., July 28, 1838, son of Ezbon and Emeline (Taylor) Rist. Mr. Rist's great-grandfather and his great-great-grandfather were residents of Reading, Middlesex County, Mass., about 1735-36. They were farmers, as was his grandfather, Thaddeus Rist, who was born in Uxbridge, and was a life-long resident of that town.

Ezbon Rist, the father of our subject, was also a native of Uxbridge, born on his father's farm; and his life, too, was devoted to agriculture. He died under the old homestead roof at the age of forty years. His wife, Emeline Taylor, was the daughter of the Rev. Amasa Taylor, a well-known Methodist circuit rider, who had several extended circuits under his charge, in one of which Uxbridge was situated. She is a well-educated lady, a graduate of the Wesleyan Seminary at Wilbraham. Mr. and Mrs. Rist reared three children, all of whom grew to maturity. Their names were respectively: Gilbert L., Frederick, and Mary. The latter is the wife of George Prouty, of Petersham. Mrs. Rist is now seventy-eight years old, and is quite active and well-preserved. She makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Prouty. She is a member of the Methodist church.

Gilbert L. Rist attended the Uxbridge schools and academy, finishing his studies at the Wesleyan Seminary at Wilbraham. He commenced work at the age of seventeen, engaging in boot and shoe making at Athol; and in 1860 he became associated in business with Captain A. W. Caswell, at Gardner. Captain Caswell was in active service during the war, and Mr. Rist then conducted the business alone. In 1868 he sold his interest to the Captain, and one year later removed to Turner's Falls, where he established his store, at first on a side street, putting up a small building and stocking it with boots and shoes. In 1873 he built another store adjoining, and three years later added clothing to his stock. He also erected the large building he now occupies, which is sixty by forty-five feet and three stories in height, and has an annex twenty by sixty feet. Here he carries a full and complete stock of clothing, gentlemen's furnishings, hats, caps, boots, shoes, and rubbers, the most extensive stock found in this section of the State.

In 1863 Mr. Rist was married to Miss Martha Hammond, of Ashburnham, Worcester County, Mass., daughter of John Hammond, a carpenter of that place. Mrs. Rist's mother was a native of Fitchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Rist are the parents of four sons: Albert, Walter, Frank, and George — all of whom received a good education and studied at Wilbraham Academy. Albert, who is a graduate of the commercial department of Wesleyan Academy, is in business with his father. He married Miss Agnes McDonald, of North Adams. He is prominent in Masonic circles, being treasurer of the branch of the Masonic order at Turner's Falls; and he is also a member of the Odd Fellows Society. Walter Rist lives with his parents. Frank is a clothier in Hanover, N.H. George is in the wholesale boot

and shoe establishment of McIntosh & Co. in Springfield, Mass.

Mr. Rist is President of the Turner's Falls Savings Bank, with which he has been connected many years, serving as a Trustee, as a member of the Board of Finance, and as Vice-President. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, occupying a leading position in the business circles of Turner's Falls; he also participates in the social life, in which his family is prominent.

MRS. ALMEDA CARPENTER, of Greenfield, is the widow of Ira Carpenter, formerly a prominent citizen of the town, who died November 6, 1882, at the age of sixty-two. His parents were David and Mary (Wallace) Carpenter, the father being a native of Landgrove, Vt. The grandparents were David and Mary (Allen) Carpenter, the former a native of Connecticut and a Revolutionary soldier. His wife was related to Ethan Allen, the famous Revolutionary leader. They were pioneer settlers in a wild and uncultivated part of the State, and endured many hardships incidental to life in the woods far away from the settlements. When their first child David was a young babe, the mother had to place him in a large bake-oven to keep him from freezing during a bitter cold night. They met with a fair degree of success, and gradually acquired the necessaries and later some of the comforts and luxuries of life.

David Carpenter had but a limited education, but was a man of much natural intelligence, and became a sort of legal counsellor in his town; though knowing nothing of the law professionally, his advice was generally found to be worth following, as it was based on the principles of justice and sound sense. He

became a leading man in public affairs and acquired considerable property. For some years before his death he resided in Keene, N. H., where he was the most wealthy citizen; and it was said of him that "what land he didn't own he had a mortgage upon." He died in his fine brick mansion at Keene, in 1845, when he was about eighty-three years of age. His widow survived him about six years, and died at the age of eighty-eight. They reared five sons and two daughters, who all became heads of families.

Of these children, David, Jr., father of Ira, became a farmer, and was married to Mary Wallace in 1816. They resided in different towns in New Hampshire, Vermont, and in the Connecticut valley, and came to Greenfield, Franklin County, Mass., in 1832, settling on a farm of two hundred acres on the old stage road. He was a man of intelligence and some education, having been educated for the Baptist ministry, though never occupying a pulpit. They were the parents of several children, the eldest being a son David (third), a bright and promising young man, who went to Nunda Valley, N. Y., and died there from exposure shortly before he was to have been married, about 1844. The second child, Mary M., married and went to Illinois, and thence to Wisconsin, where they had property. She survived her husband and died in Fond du Lac, Wis., April 26, 1889, leaving a large estate.

The third child was Ira, who became the husband of the lady whose name commences this sketch. Their marriage occurred September 20, 1845, and Mr. Carpenter settled on his farm of one hundred acres, three and one-half miles north of Greenfield, in 1855. This was known as the old Severance farm; and, when Mr. Carpenter took it, it was in a poor state of cultivation, but at his death was one of the finest and best farms in the town, he having

greatly improved the place by building a dwelling-house and good barns, and cultivating the orchard, and in other ways increasing the value of the property. As might be inferred, he was a man of much energy and perseverance, and from small beginnings built up a fortune of some ten thousand dollars. He was of a generous disposition and lived as much for the good he could do to others as for what he could accumulate for himself. He met one day with a very painful accident in consequence of his team running away, being thrown out of his wagon, breaking both his thighs. His physicians considered that he had scarcely more than one chance in one hundred to live; but the careful nursing of his faithful wife and his strong constitution enabled him to recover, after being confined to his bed for one hundred and forty days; and he lived for many years afterward, still active and strong.

Mrs. Carpenter's name before marriage was Almeda Scott; and her parents were Solomon and Diaffa (Andrews) Scott, the former being the son of Moses Scott, a Revolutionary soldier, who was one of the early settlers in the town of Gill, arriving there at an early day with some old comrades of the war, ancestors of the Greenes, Hastings, Goodriches, and other families now residing in the vicinity. Almeda was the third of six daughters born to her parents, all of whom are living but Eunice, who was the wife of Henry Pardeu. Mrs. Carpenter's father died in Gill at the age of fifty-one years on the old home farm where his father settled in 1842; the mother died in 1846, in her fiftieth year. They were Congregationalists in religious belief, and were people highly esteemed and honored for their many sterling qualities.

Mrs. Carpenter lost one infant daughter, Vaulora M. Her other children are: Marrion

D., Nancy B., and Orra A. Miss Marrion D. Carpenter taught her first school at the age of eighteen, and continued teaching for some years, but, since her father's death, has lived retired with her mother at their pleasant home at 83 Federal Street. Nancy B. is the wife of John P. Chapin, of Buffalo, N.Y. Orra A. Carpenter has followed teaching for many years in the public schools of Greenfield, and is now teaching in the Carew Street Grammar School of Springfield.

JOSEPH W. WHITING, a well-known citizen of Shelburne Falls, was born in Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., February 4, 1827, son of Welcome and Susan (Wight) Whiting, the former of whom was also a native of Buckland.

Jacob Whiting, father of Welcome, was born in Billerica, Middlesex County, Mass., January 1, 1762. Upon the death of Mr. Ross Wyman, an elderly gentleman with whom he had lived up to twenty-one years of age, Mr. Jacob Whiting received a tract of land in Buckland, which was a portion of what is known as the Wyman Grant. There he settled; and, as his labors were prospered, he purchased adjoining land until his farm contained three hundred acres. His death occurred there at seventy-four years of age. His wife was Lydia Putnam, a daughter of Lieutenant William Putnam, who was a patriotic soldier of the Revolutionary War. Five children were born to them; namely, Welcome, Emery, Hannah, Danforth, and Patty. The mother died July 6, 1822, at forty-three years of age.

After his father's death Welcome Whiting purchased the interests of the other heirs, and thus became the owner of the old homestead, which he carried on with good results until sixty years of age. Then, desiring to retire

from active labor, he sold the farm and went to Shelburne Falls to live with his son, Joseph W. Whiting. He died there at eighty-two years of age. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Susan Wight Whiting, a daughter of Joseph Wight, had seven children, as follows: Joseph W., Susan E., Lydia A., Amanda, William P., Harris W., and Mary E. Their mother, who was a consistent member of the Congregational church, died at forty-two years of age. Mr. Whiting's second marriage was to Miss Mary Newton, daughter of Deacon Newton, of Hawley, Mass. She died April 17, 1848, leaving no children. In political affiliation Mr. Whiting was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, which he afterward supported. He took an active interest in town affairs; and his fellow-citizens showed their appreciation of his integrity and his sagacity in affairs by choosing him to represent them in various offices of responsibility and trust, including that of Selectman many years and Assessor. He also served acceptably as a member of the School Committee.

Joseph W. Whiting remained at home and assisted his father in carrying on the farm until the year 1852, when he went to California, where he was successfully engaged as a superintendent of tunnels and mines for three years. He then returned to Buckland, Mass., and soon after purchased the place in the village of Shelburne Falls where he now resides. In September, 1862, he enlisted in the Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, under Colonel H. S. Greenleaf, and went to Louisiana, where he served in the General Banks expedition, being at the capture of Baton Rouge and Port Hudson. After the fall of Vicksburg and Port Hudson he returned home, making the trip on the first boat up the Mississippi River, and was mustered out, after



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nearly a year's service, as Sergeant of Company E.

On March 5, 1855, Mr. Whiting was united in marriage with Miss Deidamia E. Richmond, a daughter of Elijah Richmond; and this union was blessed by the birth of two sons and two daughters. Alma E., the eldest, was born January 4, 1856, and died June 12, 1882. She was the wife of Samuel E. Elmer, and the mother of one child, Maud V. The next, Charles W., born October 19, 1861, married May 20, 1890, Miss Minnie Barrett; and they have one child, Howard J. Susa A., the second daughter, born September 9, 1865, married June 11, 1890, A. C. Bray, and is the mother of two children, Dean W. and Frances R. Edgar R. Whiting, born March 5, 1870, is an optician in Bangor, Me. Mrs. Deidamia E. Whiting, mother of these children, died December 19, 1884.

Mr. Whiting is actively interested in political matters and lends the weight of his influence to whatever in his judgment is conducive to the welfare of his town. He has for some years been a Director in the Shelburne Falls National Bank. He at one time had charge of the public roads, and has filled many other offices very acceptably, among which may be mentioned those of Selectman, Assessor, Constable, and Collector. A portrait of this loyal and useful citizen will be seen on another page.

GEORGE E. TAYLOR, an extensive stock-raiser, a public-spirited and prominent citizen of Shelburne, widely known and respected, was born August 12, 1832, on the old Taylor homestead, now owned by his brother, John S. Taylor, which has been in the possession of the family for five generations, and is one of the landmarks of the town. Mr. Taylor is a son of Elias and

Lorinda (Moody) Taylor, the former of whom was born on the old homestead, June 24, 1785; and the latter, a native of South Hadley, was born December 14, 1790.

The first member of the Taylor family of whom we have any authentic record was John Taylor, of Northampton, who was killed by the Indians in 1704, being then a man of about sixty-three years. His son Samuel, born August 13, 1688, was the great-great-grandfather of George E. Taylor. Samuel's son John lived in Deerfield several years after his marriage, coming from there to Shelburne in 1759. He was one of the very first settlers here, there being but two other families in the vicinity. He erected a log cabin for himself and family, and for the first few years subsisted principally on the productions of his own land and the game to be found in the forests. In the French and Indian War he was sent, under the command of Colonel Hawkes, on the expedition to Canada.

One of his children, John Taylor, Jr., was born in Deerfield, July 31, 1752. He was but seven years old when his parents removed to Shelburne, where he lived to the age of fourscore years, being one of the leading citizens of the town and closely identified with its agricultural interests. His wife, formerly Mary Woodward, was a native of Taunton, Mass., born June 15, 1759. Three of their children grew to adult life, namely: Elias, the father of George E.; Ebenezer; and Sarah.

Elias Taylor was born, reared, lived, and died on the home farm, which had been wrested from the wilderness by his paternal ancestors. He succeeded to its ownership, and during his life, which numbered sixty-three useful years, he added to the improvements already begun on the property, being a successful and able farmer. He was a strong Whig in politics, and he and his wife were

members of the Congregational church. He married Lorinda Moody; and they became the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons, the former of whom are deceased, Lorinda Taylor having died when a girl of fifteen years, and Mary W. and Harriet N. after they were married. The sons are John S. and George E., both named above.

George E. Taylor was reared a farmer and still continues actively and prosperously engaged in agriculture. In the spring of 1860 he bought and moved on to the farm where he now resides. In addition to tilling the soil, Mr. Taylor is much interested in stock-raising, his cattle being mostly full-blood Durhams, his famous herd containing from twenty-five to thirty head. He also makes a specialty of raising swine, and has some very fine specimens of the Berkshire hog. His handsome place of two hundred acres is amply supplied with substantial buildings and well-equipped with all the latest and most improved machinery for carrying on his business after the most approved modern methods.

On May 27, 1856, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Victoria A. Green, who was born June 30, 1837, in Bernardston, daughter of Ruggles and Amanda Green, both deceased, he having died in the prime of life, being but fifty-five years of age, and the mother at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor is George E. Taylor, Jr., who was born June 10, 1871; he is a graduate of Amherst Agricultural College, and resides with his parents. He married Eliza Harrington, a native of Amherst, their nuptials being solemnized September 27, 1893. Mr. Taylor is a representative citizen of the town and a prominent member of the Republican party. His ability as a man of affairs is recognized by his fellow-citizens, whom he has served satisfactorily as Select-

man for seven terms, besides filling the offices of Assessor six terms and of road superintendent. He is an esteemed member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. He and his wife belong to the Congregational church, which he serves in an official capacity.

John S. Taylor succeeded his parents, Elias and Lorinda M. Taylor, in the ownership of the Taylor estate, on which his entire life has been spent. His farm is one of the best cared for in the locality, and, with its excellent buildings and their neat surroundings, is indicative of the thrift and prosperity of the owner. He is here carrying on general farming, supervising the management of his one hundred and seventy acres with exceeding skill. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and has served his town as Assessor at two different times. He is one of the oldest citizens of the town of Shelburne, his birth having occurred on the farm where he now resides, May 6, 1817. He was married on December 18, 1852, to Sybil Nims, who was born in Shelburne, September 5, 1819. Their only child, a son, James E. Taylor, was born March 25, 1855, and is still a resident of the paternal home. Mrs. Sybil N. Taylor died on December 19, 1891. She was a most estimable woman and a conscientious member of the Congregational church. Mr. Taylor is not connected with any religious denomination, but is liberal-minded and high-principled, believing in the universal fatherhood of God.

CHARLES A. MOULTON, a farmer and lumber dealer of Northfield Farms, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Athol, Worcester County, January 24, 1840, son of Proctor and Patience (Thayer) Moulton. Mr. Moulton's grandfather, Nathan Moulton, was for many years a resident of

Prescott, Mass., where he followed agricultural pursuits; but he died in Petersham. Proctor Moulton was born in Prescott, June 20, 1806. He was a carpenter and builder, and worked on the first iron foundry at Orange. He continued to follow his trade throughout his active life, which was not a long one. He died in Cooleyville, Mass., October 19, 1851, aged forty-five years. By his first wife, Patience Thayer, whom he married April 30, 1829, he had three children, namely: Samuel P., who died at the age of thirty-two years, leaving one son, Frank; Charles A., of Northfield Farms; and Harriet B., now deceased. The mother died April 11, 1846, at the age of thirty-three years. Proctor Moulton's second wife, Augusta A. Goodnow, died in Cooleyville, March 21, 1853, leaving no children, her only son, Elbridge P., having died on September 27, 1851.

Charles A. Moulton, being left an orphan at eleven years of age, resided for a time with a farmer in the neighborhood, and later went to live with his brother, for whom he worked by the month, attending school winters. He also received instruction at a graded school in Petersham. He subsequently followed different occupations in North Hadley, Mass., finally establishing himself there in business, which he conducted successfully for three years. He then went to North Dana, Mass., where he engaged in the broom business for a short time, and then stocked a store with general merchandise, which he carried on for one year. In 1866 he purchased a store in Northfield, and settled down to mercantile life, in which he was successful for many years. He bought the building in which his store was located, and also a valuable farm in the vicinity. In 1879 he added the lumber trade to his other ventures, his stock including Southern pine, which he receives by the carload. Hav-

ing relinquished storekeeping in 1892, he is able to give more attention to the lumber business, which, together with his farm, now occupies his time. Mr. Moulton was for a number of years a Republican in politics, and as such voted for Abraham Lincoln, but has of late been independent, supporting the candidates he considers most worthy and capable of holding office. He was Postmaster for ten years, and has also served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. He was station agent for eight years, and has served the public faithfully in various useful capacities.

Mr. Moulton has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded on August 27, 1862, was Emma L. Marsh, of Hadley, daughter of Dwight L. Marsh; and she became the mother of three children, namely: Carrie L., who married J. P. Egan, of Miller's Falls; Ella L., who died young; and Charles D., who married Gertrude Kimball, of Lawrence, Mass. Mrs. Emma L. Moulton died on April 4, 1886; and on November 16, 1887, Mr. Moulton was united in marriage with Mrs. Annie L. Blakelin, who was born in Methuen, Mass., daughter of Hugh Mills, of Lawrence. Her father was an early employee of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company, and is now a very active man at the age of seventy-four years. Mr. Moulton is liberal in his religious views. Mrs. Moulton attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

CHARLES W. LYMAN, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Irving, Mass., and one of the leading dry-goods merchants of the place, his store being located on Main Street, was born in Northfield, Mass., December 9, 1849, son of Charles and Jane (Groves) Lyman, the former

also a native of Northfield. Charles Lyman, after working on a farm, in his early manhood went to Templeton, Mass., where he was employed in a woollen factory. On his return to Northfield he took up the occupation of wire-weaving, which at that time was a new industry, and made the first sieve and corn popper manufactured there. After a few years' residence in Northfield, Charles Lyman removed to Erving, where he was engaged as a mechanic in the match-shops and also in the piano works. He died in Erving, at the age of sixty-four. His wife, Jane Groves, was born in Williamsburg, Mass.; and they reared one son, Charles W., and an adopted child. Mrs. Jane G. Lyman also died in Erving, in her sixty-fourth year.

Charles W. Lyman lived with his parents up to twenty years of age, gaining a practical education in the district school, and then went to work in the door and sash shop at Erving, going from there to Springfield. For two and a half years he was engaged as a clerk for Mr. E. W. Dickinson, and later for Mr. Walker in the sash and blind shop; and then, after six months' employment in the Boston & Albany Railroad shops, he went to Greenfield, where he was again engaged in the sash and blind business. Continuing in the same line, he next secured a position in Holyoke, Mass. From the latter place Mr. Lyman returned to Erving, where during the succeeding ten years he was employed by Mr. Stone in the piano business, and was subsequently engaged for a short time by the Wason Car Company of Springfield, Mass. He then came to Erving again and worked in the chair-shop, and later on entered a grocery store, but not to remain there long. After spending a year as an inspector for the Miller's Falls Company, and another year as a travelling salesman for the Greenfield Bakery, Mr. Lyman, in com-

pany with Mr. F. W. Loveland, a previous employer, purchased the Erving House, which they ran for two years and then sold; and on June 17, 1887, he purchased the business of Mr. M. M. Stebbins, in his present store, which has proved a profitable investment. He afterward added a meat market, which he ran in connection with the store until 1894, when he sold that branch. Mr. Lyman is also engaged in the ice business, being the retail dealer of the village; and during the past year he has erected a large ice-house at Reynolds Pond.

In 1872 he was united in marriage with Myra J. Martin, daughter of George P. Martin, of Montague City, where she was born and where her father was engaged in agriculture. Mr. Martin was twice married, Mrs. Lyman being a daughter of his first wife, who bore him four children. Both parents died in Montague. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman has been blessed by the birth of three children—Cephas B., who is with his father in the store; Carl E., who is engaged in the telephone business; and Myrtle L.—all of whom were educated in the schools of Erving and Orange.

Mr. Lyman is a gentleman of high social standing and has a wide circle of friends. He is a prominent Mason, and since 1871 has been a member of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of the Chapter and Commandery at Orange, the Scottish Rite, which is the thirty-second degree in Masonry, and the Mystic Shrine. Among the other organizations with which he is connected are the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and the Erving Social Club. He and his family are attendants of the Congregational church, toward whose support they contribute.

MRS. NANCY I. BROWN, of Rowe, widow of Hezekiah Brown, is a daughter of Araunah and Olive (Gleason) Ide, and was born at Rowe, Franklin County, Mass., in March, 1821. Her grandparents were John and Anna (Short) Ide, the former of whom was a native of Attleboro, Mass., and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. At the close of the war he settled on a small tract of land and devoted himself to farming, which occupation he followed the rest of his life. His wife, Anna Short, was a daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail (Balkom) Short.

They resided in Attleboro until their children, Araunah and Nancy, had reached maturity. With the design of benefiting his wife's health, which had failed after the birth of the younger child, Nancy, John Ide purchased a farm in Rowe, where Mrs. Ide had a sister living. The journey was made in the winter, during bitter weather, when the roads were well-nigh blocked with snow. Nancy, who was not well, was left behind for a time, a good pair of stout horses bringing father, mother, and son, with all their worldly goods, not forgetting the family dog, to their new home. They stuck fast in the snow before reaching their journey's end, and had to be dug out by a rescue party with shovels. The poor dog fared the worst, having its feet frozen. The farm Mr. Ide purchased consisted of one hundred acres, and was long and narrow. It proved not to be the most productive land in the town, but he built a good barn and went to work to improve the property. The daughter Nancy was later sent for and joined the family circle. She taught school for some time in Rowe, and later became the wife of William Haynes, a merchant and son of Dr. Haynes. She died in 1821, at the age of twenty-seven years. John Ide died Octo-

ber 22, 1824, aged seventy-two years; and his wife, who survived him, reached the advanced age of ninety-two.

Araunah Ide resided at home until he was thirty-seven, when he took on shares a small farm in the western part of the town, to which he moved with his family and where he remained two years. He then purchased a farm of about one hundred and twenty-five acres, known as the McCloud farm, where he spent the remainder of his days engaged in agriculture. He died March 14, 1843, at the age of fifty-five. He was a well-known and highly esteemed citizen, serving the town as Selectman and figuring prominently in public affairs. He was a Congregationalist in religion and a Republican in politics. His wife died April 2, 1831, at the age of forty-two years. She was the mother of six children: Nancy; Mary; Fanny; Araunah, who was later known as "John A."; John; and Laura. The two younger died, each at the age of two years — John on April 15, 1831, and Laura, February 22, 1832. Fanny died August 29, 1841, aged seventeen years. On the death of the father the farm came into possession of the three remaining children — Nancy, Mary, and John A. (formerly Araunah). The two latter were teachers, Mary being a graduate of the Normal School at Westfield.

John A. Ide studied medicine at Pittsfield, Mass., and then went West to Michigan and Illinois, and later to Iowa, where his sister Mary resided, the wife of Levi H. Mason. During the Civil War he enlisted and for a time served in the hospitals as nurse. After the Civil War he returned to Iowa and bought a farm of eighty acres near Marion, Linn County, later buying sixty more near Cedar River. He subsequently sold his Marion property and purchased seven acres near Mount Vernon in the same county, and cared for his

sister Mary after her husband's death, the latter dying from sickness contracted in the army at the siege of Vicksburg. He also cared for many returned prisoners of Andersonville. John A. Ide was much respected for his many sterling qualities. His death took place in February, 1868. He left a family of several children.

Mrs. Brown's grandparents on the maternal side were Stephen and Sally (Goodnoe) Gleason, who had four children; namely, Olive (Mrs. Araunah Ide), Sally, Hannah, and Stephen. Stephen, Sr., was one of the first Universalists in Rowe, and his son was brought up in the same faith. The latter passed his last days in Woodford, Vt. Four of his nine children survived him; of them, Stephen E. was a soldier in the Civil War, and Eugene, the youngest, is now a farmer in Missouri.

Nancy Ide and Hezekiah Brown were married on February 1, 1843. Mr. Brown was born in Rowe, in May, 1818, and was a son of James and Lucretia (Healy) Brown. His father was a native of Attleboro, Bristol County, Mass., a man well known and prominent in local affairs, serving as Selectman and Trustee of his town. He was a Whig in politics, and in religious belief a Unitarian. He died at the ripe age of ninety-one years. His wife, who was called to rest from earthly toil at the age of forty-seven years, left a family of eight children; namely, Deborah, Lemira, Dexter, James, Lucretia, Bethiah, Hezekiah, and Mary. The first year of Mrs. Brown's married life was spent with her husband's family; but at the end of that time Mr. Brown purchased a portion of a farm, which, combined with her own property inherited from her father, made about seventy acres. Mr. Brown then devoted his attention to the dairying and stock-raising business, which he carried on to a considerable extent, buying and

selling cattle and horses, of which class of stock he was an excellent judge. After living on their small farm several years, Mr. Brown exchanged it for one of about one hundred and twenty-five acres, which was, however, encumbered with a mortgage. This farm was in poor condition and the buildings in want of repair, but it had the advantage of being nearer the business centres. In the course of a few years Mr. Brown purchased back the small farm, and at the time of his death, which occurred June 20, 1868, at the age of fifty years, he owned both farms unencumbered, together with a good supply of stock.

He was a Republican in politics, and was Selectman of the town for two terms. In religion he held liberal views, and stood high in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen as a useful and exemplary citizen. The family record of Mr. and Mrs. Brown includes the following children: a son, William H., who died in infancy; John H.; William Dwight; Mary Theresa; James A.; Nancy; Ida; and Ide. The last named manages the farm on which his mother resides. Mrs. Brown comes of excellent New England stock. A woman of marked intelligence and character, faithful to her duties as wife and mother, she is solaced in the waning years of life by the memory of days well spent, the affection of her children, and the esteem of neighbors and friends.

WILLIAM T. RICHARDS, a respected citizen and thriving merchant of Erving, senior member of the firm of Richards & Clark, dealers in groceries and general merchandise, was born in this town, June 15, 1863. He is a son of Godfrey and Mary (Manning) Richards, the former of whom was a native of Canada, where he followed the occupation of a laborer. Godfrey



ANSON K. WARNER.

Richards came to Erving about 1859, and continued in the vocation he had followed in Canada. He died at the early age of twenty-nine. His wife, Mary Manning, bore him two children, William F. and John G. The latter is engaged in the grocery business at Mount Auburn, near Boston. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Richards became the wife of Alexander W. Smith. She still resides in Erving.

William T. Richards lived with his mother until her marriage to Mr. Smith, and attended the public schools of the town. He first found employment in a chair-shop, after which he was engaged for three years on telephone construction work. In 1886 he and his present partner, Mr. Charles F. Clark, purchased the grocery and provision store of Turner, Hanson & Co., which they have since conducted, constantly enlarging and increasing their stock, which, in addition to the lines carried by Turner, Hanson & Co., now includes dry goods, boots and shoes, and clothing. Mr. Richards was married in October, 1888, to Jennie C. Lord, daughter of Hiram Lord, a farmer of Lebanon, Me., in which place both her parents still reside. Mrs. Richards was one of three children. She is the mother of one son, George W.

In politics Mr. Richards supports the Democratic party, and, although not an office-seeker, has served as Constable for two years, and since 1893 has held the office of Postmaster. Socially, he is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Orange. He is an attendant of the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Richards is a member.

MRS. ESTHER M. WARNER, a native resident of Greenfield, widow of the late Anson K. Warner, whose portrait accompanies this brief record of

the family, was born in 1831, daughter of Sylvanus and Esther (Hudson) Nash. Anson K. Warner was born in Gill, Franklin County, Mass., but from a very early age resided in Greenfield. His father, Anson Warner, settled upon a large farm which was situated on Silver Street in the North Parish. He was a native of Glastonbury, Conn., where he married his first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Kilburn. She was also of that town, and their two children were: Jeannette, widow of Scott Woodworth, and now a resident of California; and Anson K. Warner. Mrs. Mary Kilburn Warner died in the prime of life, and the father wedded for his second wife Eunice Kingsbury, of Halifax, Vt., his last union being blessed with two daughters: Mary, wife of Charles Davenport, of South Hadley Falls; and Kate, who married Albert Kenney, a resident of Milford, Mass. Anson Warner was a good Christian man; he died at Greenfield in the month of April, 1851, aged forty-five years, leaving an estate of considerable value. His remains were buried in the High Street Cemetery, one of the oldest burial-grounds in Western Massachusetts, where his sons were also interred, their resting-place being marked by a monument erected by Mrs. Warner.

Anson K. Warner was for many years an extensive farmer in the north part of Greenfield, where he owned a valuable piece of property, which through his untiring energy was brought to a high state of cultivation. Deeply interested in scientific agricultural improvement, he was for some years New England agent of the Bradley fertilizers, and was for a period of four years President of the Agricultural Fair Association, and one of its most active promoters. He followed general farming with satisfactory results until 1880, when he retired from active labor and moved into the village, where he occupied the pleasant

home at 40 School Street, in which Mrs. Warner now resides. Mr. Warner was Vice-President of the Crocker Bank at Turner's Falls and a Director of the Conway Bank. Aside from being financially concerned in the business development of the town, he was a Representative to the legislature during the year 1867, and served as Selectman of his town for several years, being Chairman of that body at the time of his death. He was also a Justice of the Peace from the year of his majority. He died at fifty-six years of age, April 15, 1886, from injuries received eight days previously at the Bardwell Ferry accident. The community mourned the loss of a good man, one who had been notably faithful in the discharge of public trusts. A useful and honored citizen while he lived, having very much at heart the common weal, Mr. Warner will also long be remembered as a public benefactor, at his death having bequeathed quite a large sum of money to the town for educational purposes.

Mrs. Warner's father, Sylvanus Nash, was a native of Greenfield; and her mother was born in Dummerston, Vt. Sylvanus Nash was a miller, and one of three brothers who erected their mill and operated it for many years. He died in 1835, at the age of fifty-three years, leaving a widow and three children, one of them being Joel Nash, a retired farmer of Bernardston.

Esther M. Nash received a good common-school education, supplemented by several terms of study at a private school, and at the age of eighteen years became a compositor in the office of the *Greenfield Democrat*, where she remained until reaching the age of twenty-one, when she was united in marriage to Anson K. Warner, the ceremony occurring on April 6, 1852. Having early begun to do her part of the world's work, and at a time when

it was not so common as it is now for young women to become typesetters and journalists, Mrs. Warner, although not blessed with robust health, has led a remarkably active life. Being endowed by nature with a love and capacity for art, she has in later years cultivated her talent in this direction to some extent, showing creditable proficiency in the execution of many of her productions, both in oil and crayon, a portrait of Mr. Warner being especially meritorious on account of its truthfulness to nature.

MAX ANTES, a well-known farmer of Conway, was born in Baden, Germany, August 8, 1850, son of Phillip and Gertrude (Dienstberger) Antes.

His grandfather, Jacob Antes, was also a native of Baden, Germany, where he was engaged in the manufacture of hand-made knives and forks. In 1860 he came to America and here spent the remainder of his life. He died when seventy-eight years of age, and his wife in her seventy-second year.

Phillip Antes, father of Max, was born in Baden, Germany, and began, as soon as he was old enough, to assist his father in the manufacture of cutlery, remaining thus employed until 1853, in which year he came to America, settling in Norwich, Conn. He remained in that vicinity during the succeeding ten years and then removed to Columbia, Conn., where he is now living at the age of sixty-nine years. He was married before coming to this country, and his wife, Gertrude Dienstberger Antes, a daughter of Lawrence Dienstberger, is also living. She is seventy-eight years of age.

Max Antes when a child of three years came to America with his parents, remaining with them until reaching the age of nineteen. He

then started out for himself, and the following year was employed in a factory, but later gave up factory work for agriculture. In 1877 he rented the fine place where he now resides; and five years after, in 1882, he purchased the farm. Since that time he has erected two large tobacco barns, each one hundred feet in length, and has also made various improvements in his residence. The farm, which contains three hundred and thirty-seven acres, is very productive; and Mr. Antes, who devotes his attention principally to the raising of tobacco, is considered one of the most successful agriculturists of Franklin County. On May 8, 1877, Mr. Antes was united in marriage with Miss Ellen T. Hall, a daughter of Enos and Sally (Sears) Hall. Mr. Hall was a prosperous farmer of Ashfield, Mass. He died at seventy-three years of age; and his wife, who was a daughter of Ahirah Sears, died in her fifty-second year. They had two children, Ellen T. and Hattie. Mrs. Antes's paternal grandfather was Joseph Hall, of Ashfield, Mass., who died at the age of seventy-three years, his wife surviving until eighty-two years old. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Antes has been blessed by the birth of three children, two sons and a daughter; namely, Joseph, Fred, and Gertrude.

In political affiliation Mr. Antes is a firm Republican. He is a member of the Deerfield Agricultural Society, and also of the Morning Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Conway.

CLINTON E. BARNARD, a prominent resident of Shelburne, was born on the farm where he resides, March 23, 1846, son of Moses A. and Clarissa (Long) Barnard, both natives of Shelburne, the former born in 1812, the latter in 1819. The first of the Barnard family to settle in these parts was

Francis Barnard, a maltster, who is recorded as living in Hadley in 1659 and in Deerfield in 1673. He died in Hadley, February 3, 1698, at the age of eighty-one. His wife, Hannah Marvin, who was born in 1617, had six children: Hannah, Joseph, Thomas, Samuel, John, and Sarah.

Joseph Barnard, born in 1641, was a tailor by trade, also a farmer and a surveyor; and he was the first Town Clerk of Hadley. He died September 18, 1695, having lived through a perilous period of the country's history. By his wife, Bridget Cook, he had eleven children, one of whom, John, born in 1676, was a practising physician in Hadley, where he died on March 6, 1726. The first of the Barnards to settle in Shelburne was John Barnard, born in 1713. He fought in the French and Indian War, and moved to Shelburne about the time of the Revolution. In politics he was a Whig, and he belonged to the Congregational church. He married on October 9, 1743, Ruth Catlin, of Deerfield; and they reared a family of nine children.

Clinton E. Barnard's great-grandfather, David Barnard, was born in 1756, son of John Barnard. He was a carpenter by trade, and cultivated a farm for family needs, living on what is called the Patten Hills for many years. He died in Shelburne Falls, June 6, 1834. He had twelve children, Ira being his eldest son.

Ira Barnard was a carpenter by trade, the best in the town at that time. He was an energetic and successful business man, and bought the home farm in 1830, also purchasing land in other parts of the town. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican, and was Assessor of the town for several years. In religion he was a Congregationalist. He died in 1864. He was three times married, and had eleven children, five of whom are now

deceased; namely, Anna, Albert, Moses Allen, Clarissa, and John. The survivors are: Ira W., born January 18, 1815, living on the old homestead; Harriet A., born April 10, 1823, widow of Amasa Bardwell; Luthera, born November 11, 1828, widow of Charles Lee, both living in Greenfield; Jane, born October 13, 1832, wife of Thaxter Scott, of Hawley, Mass.; Darwin, born January 6, 1835; and Franklin, born September 7, 1837, residing in Boston.

Moses Allen Barnard learned the carpenter's trade under the tuition of his father, Ira, and worked at it for a number of years. He was a good workman, as many of the old buildings in the town to-day silently testify. In 1841 he bought the farm now owned by his son, Clinton E., at first purchasing sixty acres, to which he added until the amount was doubled. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the Congregational church. He died at the old farm April 23, 1885. His wife, whose maiden name was Clarissa Long, was a daughter of William and Clarissa (Dole) Long, natives of Shelburne. An extended notice of the Long family will be found under the name of Ozias Long on another page of this volume. Mrs. Barnard's mother was a daughter of Parker and Anna (Trowbridge) Dole. Parker Dole belonged to one of the old families, and was one of the leading men in Shelburne. He built the brick house which is now the home of Walter Carpenter, and is one of the landmarks of the county, in which it was one of the best buildings at the time of erection, about 1800. Mrs. Clarissa Barnard lives at the old homestead with her son Clinton. She had but one other child, William L., who is a dry-goods merchant in Boston.

On finishing his education at the district school, Clinton E. Barnard gave his attention to the farm, living with his parents. He now

carries on general farming and keeps from twenty-five to thirty head of cattle — thorough-bred, short-horns, and grades — and raises large quantities of fruit. His farm is in a fine condition, the buildings are neat and substantial, and the house is very pleasantly situated, commanding a broad and beautiful view. Besides this estate, Mr. Barnard owns a farm of seventy acres in another part of the town.

He has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united on June 17, 1869, was Fannie M., daughter of Albert and Nancy C. (Darling) Peck. The Peck family came originally from England, and the first of whom we find record located in Lyme, Conn.; and from there the great-grandfather of Mrs. Barnard moved to Shelburne, where he was one of the early settlers. He had a farm and grist-mill in the southern part of the town, at Dragon Brook, and left his plough to take up the musket at the time of the Revolution. He took part in some of the most stirring events of the war, and was one of the guard about Major André at the time of his execution. He lived to be ninety years old; and his wife, whose maiden name was Hannah Tinker, also lived to an advanced age. Their son Abner lived for a time in Leverett, Mass., where he learned the cloth-dresser's trade; but he finally took up farming, settling where the Pecks live to-day, owning here two hundred and fifty acres. He was a Republican in politics, and held office in the town, serving as Selectman for some time; and he was a leading member of the Congregational church. He died in 1839, survived many years by his wife, who passed away in 1877. Five of their seven children are yet living, namely: Albert; Abner and Austin L., in Shelburne, the latter at the homestead; Aurilla H., widow of Pliny Fisk, in Arlington, Mass.; and Harriet M., wife of J. H. Tyler, in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mr. Albert Peck, having acquired his education in the district schools of his native town, at the old Felenberg Academy in Greenfield, and at Shelburne Falls, taught school for some time and then took up farming. He bought the old Dr. Packard estate, and on it spent eighteen years, moving to his present abode in 1875. Here he has two hundred acres, and carries on general farming, fruit-raising, and dairying. Mrs. Peck is a daughter of Eliphalet and Martha (Brigham) Darling, of Shutesbury, and has been the mother of seven children, two of whom are deceased, namely, Albert and Fannie, the latter, who was the wife of Mr. Barnard, having passed away on December 8, 1879. The five now living are: Julia D. Peck, in Shelburne, a well-known writer of stories for children; Martha R., in Conway, Mass., wife of Samuel Clary; Lucy O., a school-teacher in Shelburne; Austin L., a farmer in the same town; and Hattie F., wife of Llewellyn D. Crine in New York City. Mr. Peck is an ardent Prohibitionist. He and his wife rank among the oldest married couples in the town to-day, and have long been members of the Congregational church, in which he has been Deacon over thirty years.

Clinton E. Barnard's second wife, to whom he was married on February 22, 1881, is Harriet M., daughter of John and Lucina (Taylor) Long, both deceased. Mr. Barnard has two daughters by the first marriage: Clara D., wife of James G. Barnard, a farmer in Shelburne; and Kate M. Barnard, who lives with her father. Mr. Barnard is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, and he and his wife belong to the Congregational church, in which he has been Deacon for nine years. He was for five years superintendent of the Sunday-school.

JOSEPH WRIGHT KEACH, a successful and well-known agriculturist of Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., was born in the State of New York on January 19, 1847, son of Benjamin and Luthera (Packard) Keach, the former of whom was a native of Vermont. Mr. Keach's paternal grandfather followed for a lifetime the occupation of a farmer on the old homestead in Vermont. He died at sixty years of age, leaving three sons: Romain, Benjamin, and Charles.

Benjamin Keach, the second son, was naturally reared to agricultural labors, and, like his father, he continued to be thus employed throughout his life. In 1849 he removed to Massachusetts, first settling in South Deerfield, Franklin County, where he remained for nineteen years. At the expiration of that time, he went to Buckland, but a few years later changed his residence to North-west Buckland, to spend the remaining years of his life with his son. He died there at sixty-eight years of age. His wife, Luthera Packard Keach, who was born in South Deerfield, Mass., daughter of Alvah and Fanny Packard, is still living. They reared six children, five sons and a daughter; namely, Sarah, Joseph Wright, Fred, Reuel F., Ellsworth, and Cephas. In political affiliation Benjamin Keach was a Whig up to the organization of the Republican party, after which he voted the latter ticket. He was a charter member of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society. Both parents were members of the Congregational church, of which the mother is still a regular attendant.

Joseph Wright Keach began when a lad of nine years to assist in gaining his own livelihood. He first worked on a farm, where he received eight dollars per month during the best of the summer season. After that he was employed by various parties and at different

kinds of work until he was twenty-two years old, when he purchased a farm in Ashfield, Mass. He afterward sold that and moved to Buckland Corners, where he purchased a farm which he still owns. In 1889 he was engaged to take charge of the town farm of Buckland, on which he is still employed as superintendent, and has given excellent satisfaction.

Mr. Keach was married in 1869 to Miss Ellen Jane Trim, a daughter of George and Jane Trim, the former of whom was a native of Connecticut. Mrs. Keach's father died at forty-seven years of age; and her mother, who was born in Rhode Island, reached the age of seventy-four. Mr. George Trim's father was drowned when but forty-five years of age. His wife, Jane Gertrude Chappell, daughter of Samuel and Penelope Chappell, long surviving him, lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Keach's union has been brightened by the birth of a son and daughter, Joseph and Mary. Mr. Keach is a member of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society.

MRS. MARIE L. HANSON, daughter of Napoleon B. and Susan L. (Pierce) Coolidge, and widow of the late Albert A. Hanson, has spent a large portion of her mature life in Orange, where she is held in high esteem by neighbors and friends of many years. Mrs. Hanson was born May 11, 1834, at New Salem, Mass., and comes from good old pioneer stock, her grandfather, Asa Coolidge, Jr., who was born in Natick, Mass., in 1772, having settled in Orange in 1810, buying the Orcutt farm of one hundred acres, mostly wild land, on May 1st of that year. He cleared a large portion of the land, built house and barns, and, in addition to tilling the soil, carried on carpentering, living here until his decease, at the

age of fifty years. He married Anna Jenkins, who died at the age of seventy-three years, leaving ten children: Faith, Almira, Napoleon B., Hannah, Avery, Asa, Mary, Sarah, Orisa, and Benjamin.

Napoleon B. Coolidge was born June 18, 1809, at Natick, and came to Franklin County with his parents when an infant. On arriving at years of maturity, he bought the Cook farm of two hundred acres, on which he resided, and successfully carried on general farming during his years of activity. The twilight of his life was spent with his daughter, Mrs. Hanson, he living to the venerable age of fourscore and four years. He married Susan L. Pierce, who bore him seven children; namely, Marie L., William H. H., Charles P., Benjamin F., George O., Susan J., and Sarah A. Mrs. Susan L. Pierce Coolidge was a daughter of Barney Pierce, who settled in New Salem when a young man, and was for many years one of its most prominent and popular citizens, looking well after the welfare of his adopted town and serving faithfully in its various offices. He subsequently removed to Ohio, where he lived to the age of eighty years, likewise occupying an important position there, being a judge at the time of his decease. He married Susan Cook, and their children were: Susan, Henry, Charles, and Adeline.

Mrs. Pierce was one of those noble, whole-souled women who exert a beneficent influence on the world around them. She was the daughter of Samuel and Lydia (Derby) Cook, original settlers of New Salem, Mr. Cook having been born at Holden, Mass., migrating from there when a very young man. He bought unimproved land in New Salem, and there built a hotel, which he conducted with success. He became one of the most extensive landholders of that section of the county, and, in addition to the hotel, he erected a

grist-mill, where he did a good business, and had the honor of being the first Postmaster of the town. His old homestead is still owned by the family. At his decease he left five children, as follows: Susan, Mrs. Hanson's grandmother; Lydia; Robert; Lucretia; and Hannah.

Albert A. Hanson, son of Asahel G. Hanson, was born January 7, 1833, in Shutesbury, Mass. His paternal grandparents were Elijah and Mary (Gunn) Hanson, lifelong residents of the town of Prescott, where the former was engaged in carpentering in early manhood, but later in life was a prosperous farmer. He was a stanch member of the old Whig party. The names of the six children born to him and his wife were: Asahel G., Mixter, Lucretia, Marilla, Warren, and Erastus.

Asahel G. Hanson learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and, removing from Prescott to Shutesbury, continued in that occupation until his decease, at a good old age. He married Hopy Gray, who was a veritable helpmeet; and they reared the following children: Albert A., Proctor, Mary, Forrest, and Viola. The father was a Whig in politics, inclined to liberalism in religion, his wife being a member of the Universalist church.

Albert A. Hanson in his youth began working as a carpenter with his father, and later learned the cabinet-maker's trade. On leaving home he went to Dana, where he worked in a piano manufactory until 1859, when he came to Orange to accept a position in the Rodney Hunt works. When this concern was incorporated as a stock company, Mr. Hanson became a member of the firm, remaining with it until his health gave out; and, being then obliged to seek outdoor work, he disposed of his stock. In 1885 he bought the Darwin Merriam farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres, beautifully located on the elevation

known as Chestnut Hill, and here took up his residence, hoping to regain his physical vigor. He made various improvements on the place, remodelling the house, which is still the home of Mrs. Hanson, and which, though built one hundred and fifty years ago, bears few marks of its great age.

His life, however, was not greatly prolonged by change of abode and occupation. He died February 16, 1891. In his death the town of Orange lost one of its foremost citizens, a noble-minded, large-hearted man, and the Republican party a stanch adherent. Three children were born to him and his wife, Mrs. Marie L. Hanson. The eldest, Charles A., a mechanic, born September 4, 1856, is living in a house that he built on a portion of the homestead. He married Winona Crowl, and they have two children: Charles E. and Nyca M. Nellie M. Hanson, the only daughter, born August 23, 1857, married Charles H. Robins, of Orange; and they are the parents of four children: Harry C., Clifford A., Perley G., and Elmer G. Carl L. Hanson, an able and enterprising young man, born July 16, 1876, lives with his mother and has charge of the home farm.

DEACON NATHANIEL A. BRIGGS, an extensive real estate owner and a prosperous farmer of Shutesbury, was born in this town December 30, 1824, son of Amos and Sarah (Fisk) Briggs. Deacon Briggs's grandparents were Nathaniel and Lucy (Marshall) Briggs, the former of whom moved from Connecticut to Massachusetts at an early day, and settled upon land in the eastern part of Shutesbury. He was industrious, energetic, and thrifty, and became the owner of a tract of five hundred acres. He died in Shutesbury at an advanced age. He

and his wife reared four sons and one daughter, all of whom are now deceased. The mother lived to attain a ripe old age, and died at the homestead in Shutesbury.

Amos Briggs, Deacon Briggs's father, was reared to agricultural pursuits, and successfully followed that occupation in Shutesbury during the greater part of his life. His declining years were passed in Pelham, where he died aged eighty-six years. He was originally a Whig in politics, but later supported the Republican party. He was a member of the Congregational church, and acted as Deacon for many years. Amos Briggs married Sarah Fisk, a native of Stafford, Conn., and she became the mother of five children, three of whom are now living, namely: Nathaniel A., the subject of this sketch; Olive F., who married Hiram Ballou, a farmer of Pelham; and Samantha A., who resides in Amherst, and is the widow of Simon Whitney. The deceased were: Charles A. and Lucy. Mrs. Sarah Fisk Briggs died at the age of eighty-six years.

Nathaniel A. Briggs received his education in the schools of Shutesbury, and resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one years. After following the trade of a shoemaker for the next ten years, he engaged in agricultural pursuits, settling upon six acres of land located in the south-eastern part of Shutesbury, which he cultivated with good results. By energetic application and careful management he was enabled to add to his landed possessions; and at the present time his farm property comprises eight hundred acres, he being the largest real estate owner in Shutesbury. His home farm, which consists of three hundred acres, is one of the most valuable in the town. Deacon Briggs has engaged to a considerable extent in lumbering, and his efforts in that direction have likewise been attended with satisfactory results. In

politics he is a Republican, and was for eight years in succession a member of the Board of Selectmen. He has also served as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor.

On October 13, 1852, Deacon Nathaniel A. Briggs was united in marriage with Cerintha E. Thresher, who was born in Shutesbury, June 24, 1834, daughter of William Thresher. They have had one daughter, Jennie E. Briggs, who died at the age of twelve years. Mr. Briggs has been a Deacon of the Congregational church at Shutesbury for twenty-one years, and Mrs. Briggs is a member of that church. He has always taken an active interest in religious work, and served as clerk of the church for nearly thirty years.

MRS. ABBIE B. CLARK, widow of the late Andrew J. Clark, whose portrait is presented in connection with this brief and fragmentary family history, has been a resident of Orange nearly forty years, and is highly esteemed throughout this community for her kindness of heart and other excellent traits of character. She was born January 10, 1835, in Warwick, being the daughter of Cummings and Abigail (Jones) Lesure, active members of the thriving agricultural community of that town. Mrs. Clark's paternal grandmother, a woman of unusual strength of mind and body, benevolent and charitable, attained the remarkable age of one hundred and one years and six months. Cummings Lesure was a practical man of business, and, in addition to farming, was engaged in teaming between Warwick and Boston before the railways had been built, keeping several pairs of horses busily employed. He was born February 15, 1788, in Wardsboro, Vt., and lived to the age of fifty-three years. His wife, who died in her sixtieth year, bore



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him three children: Abbie B., Samuel C., and George J.

Abbie B. Lesure early became accomplished in the domestic arts, being well drilled by her mother during her girlhood at the parental home, of which she was an inmate until her marriage, in 1855.

Andrew J. Clark was born in the beautiful little town of Rutland, Mass., October 9, 1835, and was a son of Ira and Rebecca (Wood) Clark, the former of whom was a hard-working farmer, who died in the prime of life; while his widow lived to a good old age. Mr. Clark was a self-made man in a very real sense, having been from the beginning the architect of his own fortune. His educational advantages were very meagre, his schooling limited to two terms in the days of his childhood. When a little lad he was put to work in a cotton-mill at Millbury, Mass.; and afterward he was employed in a chair manufactory at Templeton, Mass. He had an active intellect, and, thirsting for knowledge, read the best books possible for him to obtain, pursuing his studies evenings, in this way acquiring a substantial education that fitted him for the responsible positions that he was later called upon to fill, and made him an influential and valued citizen. In 1857 Mr. Clark came to Orange, and first established himself in business with Mr. Alonzo White, in the manufacture of sleighs. He was afterward engaged in the grocery trade for a while, but gave it up to engage in the manufacture of a hand sewing-machine, in company with William Barker, and from that drifted into the manufacture of the New Home sewing-machine, being President of the company from its organization to the time of his death, in 1882. He thoroughly identified himself with the interests of the town, and, by his energy, industry, and honesty in his business transactions, fully

established himself in the confidence and esteem of the community. He was a steadfast Republican in politics, and served acceptably in the various local public offices, and was elected as Representative in 1864 and 1867, and as a member of the Senate in 1870-71 and 1875. Socially, he was prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Crescent Chapter, Royal Arch Mason, and of the Orange Commandery.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, of whom the following is a brief mention: Abbie L. is the wife of Carl Jameson, a prominent shoe dealer, residing in Providence, R.I., having large stores in Providence and in Boston; Etta J. married John Atwood, formerly engaged in mercantile business in Boston, but now a resident of Orange; Gertrude L. is the wife of Harry Weymouth, who has a beautiful home in Orange, and is employed as book-keeper at Reynold's shoe manufactory; Charlie Andrew died in early infancy; and Florence E., the youngest, lives with her mother. Mrs. Clark is greatly esteemed by her friends and associates. She is of liberal religious faith. Her pleasant home is on what was formerly the James M. Hill place; but the house, after Mr. Clark bought it, was practically rebuilt, the grounds being graded and the beautiful lawn supported by a wall of granite, evidently built to last.

MRS. ELLEN M. RUSSELL, widow of the late Nathaniel Edwards Russell, of Greenfield, a refined and cultivated woman, whose sterling qualities of heart and mind have won for her the general esteem and respect, was born in Burlington, Vt., being the youngest, and now the sole survivor, of a family of nine daughters born

to Daniel and Mary (Porter) Farrand. Her father was a native of Canaan, Conn., born September 9, 1760. Having been admitted to the bar, he began the practice of law at Haverhill, N.H., where he was married May 1, 1794, to Mary Porter, a daughter of Colonel Asa and Mehitabel (Crocker) Porter, the latter having been a native of Newburyport. Colonel Porter, who was for many years a resident of Haverhill, N.H., was a strong Tory; and his estate was confiscated by the government, but was afterward wholly or partly restored. Mr. Farrand subsequently removed to Bellows Falls, Vt., and was for some time a well-known lawyer of that village, going thence to Burlington, where he located June 29, 1804. He stood very high among the leading jurists of the State, and became a Judge of the Supreme Court, but was at length obliged to retire from active duties on account of failing health and eyesight. His death occurred October 13, 1825, at his home in Burlington.

Miss Ellen M. Farrand, who early developed a love of learning, received the best educational advantages of her day, and was graduated in 1831 from the school established by the distinguished educator, Mrs. Emma Willard, at Troy, N.Y. She afterward engaged in teaching, being in Brockville, Canada, one year, and subsequently an assistant in the academy founded by the Rev. Henry Jones at Greenfield, Mass. Being peculiarly adapted for the responsible positions she filled, she was very successful in her work, which she at length relinquished to become the wife of Mr. Nathaniel E. Russell. They were married on May 24, 1837.

Nathaniel Edwards Russell was born March 26, 1799, in the village of Greenfield. He was a grandson of John and Hannah (Sheldon) Russell, who were early settlers of Deerfield, Mass., where their five children were born,

namely: Hannah, who died in 1801, aged forty-one years; William; Elijah; John; and Lemuel. Grandfather Russell closed his eyes to earthly scenes August 17, 1775, his widow, who survived him nearly twoscore years, dying February 14, 1814, at seventy-six.

John Russell, the second, the father of Nathaniel E., was born in Deerfield, July 30, 1767, and died October 20, 1839. He was married at Northampton, January 8, 1795, to Miss Electa Edwards, a native of Northampton, the date of her birth being October 29, 1776. She passed to the higher life March 1, 1839, leaving a family of seven children, all grown to maturity, and all married with the exception of two daughters, Ruth Strong Russell and Hannah Sheldon Russell. Both of these ladies became distinguished teachers, and for several years carried on a select school for young ladies in the city of Greenfield. Ruth, the elder, had previously won renown in her profession as principal of a seminary at Gorham, Me., and later as a teacher in Castleton, Vt. Mary C., the youngest child, became the wife of Dr. James Dean, a well-known physician and scientist, and the discoverer of the fossil bird tracks on the Connecticut River bottoms.

During the first seven years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel E. Russell resided in Greenfield. In 1844 they removed to New York City, where they lived a score of years, Mr. Russell being a member of the firm of J. Russell & Co., the largest manufacturers of cutlery in the United States, he having control of their New York office. In 1864 Mr. Russell and his wife returned to Greenfield, making their home in the pleasant residence now occupied by Mrs. Russell, at 20 High Street, living there until his decease, February 10, 1884. A man of broad views and progressive spirit, he was specially inter-

ested in the cause of education and of religion, and was in hearty sympathy with all enterprises of a beneficent nature calculated to promote the common weal. He was a generous contributor toward the support of the Congregational church, of which he was a regular attendant, and of which Mrs. Russell is an esteemed and active member.

GEORGE W. JENKS, a prominent man in business and political circles in Shelburne Falls, was born in Cheshire, Mass., January 14, 1840, son of Jesse A. and Ann Eliza (Smith) Jenks, and grandson of Jesse Jenks, a native of Providence, R. I., whose wife was a Morey. Shortly after his marriage Jesse Jenks moved his household goods with an ox team to Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass., where he bought three hundred and twenty acres of new land, upon which, after clearing a portion of it, he erected some good buildings. He prospered as a stock-raiser and dairy man, and his long life of ninety years was a useful and successful one. A strong man mentally and physically, he was a stanch Whig, unswerving in his political convictions. His wife also lived to an advanced age, passing away at eighty-five.

Jesse A., the youngest of their seven children, was born in Cheshire, in December, 1807, and received his education in the district school. In company with his brother he purchased a grist-mill and cotton-mill at Cheshire Harbor, which he conducted for a few years, finally selling, and purchasing the homestead, upon which he built new barns and made many improvements. Upon this farm he lived forty years, carrying on general farming and keeping an average of fifty head of cattle. In 1863 he retired from business and went to Cheshire village to live, there passing away

at the age of eighty-three. His wife, who was a daughter of Timothy Smith, died at seventy-one. In politics Mr. Jenks was a Republican; and in religion he followed the teachings of the Methodist church, of which his wife also was a member. They had two children, one of whom, named Francis L., died at forty-six years of age.

George W. Jenks is now the only survivor of the family. In boyhood and youth he attended the district school, Wilbraham Academy, and Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. After graduating he taught school for a while, then was employed as clerk and book-keeper of the tannery and store of H. Richardson in Cheshire, a position which he held for three years. At the end of that period he bought the store, which he conducted for a short time. Finally, after making two or three changes in search of a favorable opening, he bought the boot and shoe business of A. H. Fisher at Shelburne Falls, and to-day has the largest shoe store in Franklin County, the central telephone office also being located in his store. In 1882, in company with Paul Mooney, he opened a store in Miller's Falls, carrying in stock footgear, dry goods, and ready-made clothing. It is a complete general store and has a thriving trade. Mr. Jenks owns the homestead in Cheshire, which covers three hundred and twenty acres, and keeps forty-five fine dairy cows. He owns a handsome home on High Street, which he has remodelled, and which is surrounded by a fine lawn and beautiful shade trees.

His first wife, whom he married in 1865, Abbie L., daughter of J. G. Northrop, died in 1886, aged forty, leaving two children: Charles E., clerk in his father's store; and Mabel L., at home. Mr. Jenks subsequently married Mrs. Mary E. Blanchard Greene, daughter of George W. Blanchard.

In politics Mr. Jenks is a Republican. He was Representative for his district in 1892, and in the town has been Assessor, Town Clerk, and Treasurer. Wide-spread confidence in his integrity is shown by the fact that he has held the position of treasurer in all of the following bodies: Board of Trade, Fire Department, Alethian Lodge, Encampment, Corporation, Canton, and the Universalist Society. He has also been Past Grand of the Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Jenks is connected with the Universalist church, of which his wife and children are also members.

MRS. MARTHA A. LYMAN LORD, widow of the late Jotham Lord, Jr., for many years an esteemed citizen of Orange, Franklin County, Mass., was born June 18, 1837, at Royalton, Vt., her paternal grandparents, Eliphalet and Mary (Lee) Lyman, having removed to that place from Lebanon, Conn. They were hard-working people, like other progressive farmers and housekeepers of that early day, and there passed the remaining days of their lives, Grandfather Lyman dying at the age of three-score and ten years, while the grandmother lived to the advanced age of eighty-six. They reared six children, on whom they bestowed the following names: Mary, Elias, Gardner, Storrs L., William L., and Daniel.

William L. Lyman, the father of Mrs. Lord, was born October 21, 1799, at Royalton, and there May 25, 1826, married Polly Woodward, who was born in the same place, June 19, 1803, and died January 9, 1844. He was a very successful agriculturist, being the owner of a large farm, and was very shrewd and far-sighted in business matters. While yet in the vigor of manhood, February

18, 1855, he passed to the undiscovered country, from whose bourn no traveller returns. He was a valued citizen, active in politics, being a stanch Whig, and a great worker in religious circles, a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To him and his wife seven children came; namely, Harriet, Frederick, Francis, William A., Mary A., Martha A., and Charlotte.

Martha A. was next to the youngest daughter of the parental household, and remained at home until her marriage, January 1, 1859, to Jotham Lord, Jr. He was born in Orange, on the Merriam place, August 30, 1824, being one of the ten children of his parents, Jotham, Sr., and Julia (Allen) Lord, the others being: Hiram, Ethan, Sabra, Emery, Ira, Absalom, Allen, and two that died in infancy. His father and mother were natives of Athol. After their marriage they settled on the old Lord homestead, near the brickyard, in the northern part of Orange, but later bought a farm on what is now South Main Street, where they passed the twilight of their days, he living to the age of eighty-four years, her life numbering one year less. When a mere boy Mr. Lord began earning his living on the farm of Robert Carpenter, being engaged in lumbering and farming; and when less than twenty years of age he went to work in Mr. Whitney's pail manufactory.

Mr. Lord subsequently became personally identified with the manufacturing interests of Orange, and for two years, in company with A. J. Clark, carried on a thriving business in manufacturing baby carriages and toys. The partnership being then dissolved, Mr. Lord as his share took a wood lot, which he cleared and made into lumber. The next year he was engaged in the dry-goods business with Mr. Fisher, whose interest was at length bought by Emery Lord, who continued with him in

the dry-goods trade for eighteen months, when their entire stock was exchanged for a complete line of groceries. This business Mr. Lord carried on for eight years, in the Lamb Block, in the store he had formerly occupied. We next hear of Mr. Lord at Rochester, N. Y., in the stereoscopic view business, in company with Charles Woodward, with whom he continued a year and a half. In 1875 he returned to Franklin County, and in the spring of 1879 he bought the two-hundred-acre farm in Orange formerly owned by Samuel P. Rice. He entered into agricultural labor with the same energy and ability that had characterized his other efforts, being untiring in his improvements and making his place one of the most attractive in this vicinity.

Four children were born of the happy union of Mr. and Mrs. Lord; namely, Alice L., Albert L., William A., and Martha L. Since the death of Mr. Lord the home farm has been ably managed by the enterprising sons, Albert L. and William A., an arrangement contributing greatly to the comfort and enjoyment of their mother and sisters, and relieving the former of many cares. Amiable in disposition, prepossessing in looks and manners, Mrs. Lord is much respected and beloved.

EDSON J. PRATT, a skilled mechanic and general contractor connected with the Miller's Falls Company, residing at Miller's Falls, is a man of exemplary habits and sterling character, and well merits the high regard in which he is universally held. He is a native of Franklin County, born August 29, 1853, at Mill River, in the town of Montague, being the son of Samuel G. Pratt, who was born on the homestead of his father, Jeremiah Pratt, at the mouth of Mill River.

Samuel G. Pratt was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and, after becoming of age, took possession of the homestead of his parents, and there engaged in mixed husbandry for several years. He subsequently sold out, and purchased a small estate at Northfield Farms, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying February 8, 1888, aged sixty-eight years. He was a man of much intelligence and energy, respected for his many noble qualities, and ever took an active part in local affairs. While in Northfield Farms he served acceptably three or four years as Selectman, and ably represented his district in the State legislature. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat, uniformly casting his vote in the interests of that party. The maiden name of his wife was Lucy L. Stratton. She was the daughter of Samuel Stratton, a thriving farmer of Gill. Two children were born of their union, namely: Edson J.; and his sister, Elnora, who married Thomas B. Stratton, of Miller's Falls. The mother, an active woman of seventy-five years, now lives with her daughter.

Edson J. Pratt acquired a substantial education in the public schools of his native town and at Bernardston Academy. When a youth of eighteen years he began the battle of life on his own account, being energetic and enterprising and of an independent spirit. He first entered the employment of the Miller's Falls Company on March 15, 1872, being then boy of all work; and, with the exception of six months in 1876, when all unmarried men were laid off, he has continued in their service, having been promoted from time to time until he is now contractor in the shop. His long term of employment bears strong evidence of his sterling integrity and trustworthiness, as well as his ability and usefulness. As a citizen, evidently no man in the place stands

higher in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen, by whom he has been elected to various offices of honor and trust, he having served as Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and Selectman for seven years, besides having filled the offices of Tax Collector and Constable several terms. Since 1892 he has been Deputy Sheriff, faithfully performing his duties as such. In politics he is a stanch member of the Democratic party; and in his religious faith he follows the dictates of his reason and conscience, being very liberal.

An important step in the career of Mr. Pratt, and, as it has proved, a happy one, was his marriage in 1877 to Annie A. Hastings, a daughter of Henry A. Hastings, of Erving, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Hastings was born in Gill, and there reared to agricultural labor. He subsequently removed to Illinois, where his two children, Annie A. (Mrs. Pratt) and Philip H. Hastings, a mechanic in Orange, were born. But one child has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Pratt; namely, Hazel E. Socially, Mr. Pratt is a member of the Bay State Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Montague, and of the Knights of Honor; and he and his wife are much esteemed throughout the community, being genial, agreeable, and hospitable, ever extending a hearty welcome to their friends and ever mindful of the needs of the poor and afflicted.

MRS. LUCY J. WILLIAMS, of Ashfield, is a daughter of Levi W. and Mercy (Hamblin) Herrick, and widow of the late Daniel Williams, whose portrait, a fine steel engraving, is seen on the opposite page. Daniel Williams was born in Ashfield, February 7, 1814, son of Deacon Daniel and Sally (Eldridge) Will-

iams, the former of whom was a son of Ephraim and Mercy (Daniels) Williams and a native of Ashfield. (The Williams genealogy is further traced in sketch of Frederick H. Smith.)

Deacon Daniel Williams upon attaining his majority received a farm from his father, each of his brothers having a similar start in life. Subsequent to his father's decease he succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead, upon which he erected a substantial brick residence and made other improvements. He engaged extensively in lumbering, and at one time owned over eight hundred acres of land. He was a large stock-raiser, keeping as many as thirty-five cows, three hundred sheep, and a great number of horses, also successfully conducting a large saw and grist mill. He was widely known as a public-spirited man, was a Whig in politics, and in his religion was a Congregationalist. He died in 1863, when well advanced in years; and his wife was called to rest in 1862.

Daniel Williams, the younger, began his education in the common schools and completed his studies at Sanderson Academy. After his marriage to his first wife, Almira, daughter of Chester and Anna (Ellis) Sanderson, Mr. Williams purchased a farm in the eastern part of the town of Ashfield, where they resided for a year; and he then assumed charge of the Sanderson farm and cared for his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, until their decease. Mrs. Almira S. Williams died at sixty-three years of age, having been the mother of five children, all of whom are now deceased. On June 22, 1881, Mr. Williams married for his second wife Miss Lucy J. Herrick, who, after ten years of wedlock, was called to mourn his death, which occurred on July 17, 1891.

Mrs. Lucy J. Herrick Williams was born at



Daniel Williams

Dalton, Mass. Her father, Levi W. Herrick, was a son of Isaac and Jerusha (Brown) Herrick, the former of whom was a native of Worthington, Mass., and for many years followed agriculture in this State, later moving to Ohio, where he engaged in the same occupation. Isaac Herrick was a highly esteemed and progressive man, a Whig in politics, and a Presbyterian in his religious faith. His death occurred at the age of seventy-eight. He and his wife had seven children: Levi W., John, Isaac, Olive, Mary, Amanda, and Martha.

Levi W. Herrick was born at Worthington, and on attaining his majority settled in Lee, later moving to Dalton, where he followed agricultural pursuits and also engaged as a lime burner. He conducted business in the towns of Lee, Worthington, and Dalton, and died at Williamstown on April 2, 1886, aged seventy-nine years. His children were: William, Ardilla, George, John, Lucy J., Levi, Charles, and Mary Amanda.

In the death of Mr. Daniel Williams his wife lost a kind-hearted, congenial companion, and the town an exemplary and valued citizen. He was a faithful and earnest member of the Congregational church; and as a fitting memorial of his piety and true Christian worth, and as a beneficent use of her means, Mrs. Williams in 1894 generously remodelled and rebuilt the Congregational house of worship at Ashfield, refurnishing it, enlarging the library, and effecting other improvements, at a cost of over three thousand dollars. She also gave one-half of the parsonage to the parish, the property having been formerly owned by Mr. Williams and others. This estimable lady continues to make her home in the pleasant residence purchased and renovated by her husband, and in which they lived after his retirement from business.

HERBERT NEWELL, a leading citizen of Shelburne Falls, proprietor of a large hardware store in Buckland, was born in Whitingham, Vt., April 2, 1855, son of Baxter H. and Rachel (Briggs) Newell, and grandson of Joshua and Dorcas (Lyon) Newell. Joshua Newell was born in the eastern part of Massachusetts, and became a resident of Colerain when a young man, working there for his uncle until of age. He then went to Whitingham, Vt., and bought fifty acres of wild land, which he cleared in the usual way, burning off the timber and making potash from the residue. This he packed in hogsheads, taking it to Boston by team, the trip occupying from two to four weeks, and traded it for groceries and other needed commodities that he could not raise. His first dwelling was a log house, but, as time went on and he prospered in worldly affairs, he built a frame house and barn, and added two hundred acres of land to his estate. A brave and patriotic man, he fought in the War of 1812, and in politics was a staunch Whig. He died at the age of fifty, leaving eight children.

Baxter H. Newell, son of Joshua, was born in Whitingham, Vt., August 1, 1813. Being obliged to leave school when quite young and go to work, when he attained his majority he had saved enough to buy the homestead. There he resided until fifty years of age, remodelling the buildings and improving the land. He finally moved to Shelburne Falls and assisted his sons in the hardware trade, purchasing a share in the business in 1879. In politics a Republican, Mr. Newell was a leading man in the town, serving as Selectman and School Committee seven years in succession. He passed away when seventy-nine years of age. His wife, who was a most estimable lady, laid down the cares of life when sixty-nine years of age. Their children

were: Charles B., Chester B., John L., Luana R., and Herbert, who has been already named above.

Herbert Newell attended the public school, completing his education at Franklin Academy and Williston Seminary at Easthampton. At twelve years of age he took up the duties of clerk in his brother's store, in that way occupying his time when not in school. Two years later he began to keep books in the store, and at sixteen was given full charge of the accounts. When he reached his majority, he bought the interest of his brother Charles B.; and in 1879 his brother John L. died. At that time the father bought the share of the deceased partner, and the firm became B. H. Newell & Co. In 1892 the father died, and Mr. Herbert Newell became sole owner. The store was originally in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Block; but the building caught fire and Mr. Newell was obliged to remove his goods, which were badly damaged, to a storehouse. He had a temporary structure built for the transaction of business, and is now erecting a fine modern brick building, fifty by eighty feet, two stories high, on the site of the one which was burned—that is, opposite the river bridge. He will have one of the best and largest hardware stores in Franklin County, carrying in stock, besides the usual line of goods, paints, paper, agricultural instruments, and seeds.

On October 27, 1879, Mr. Newell was married to Addie M., daughter of Charles R. and Fanny A. (Patterson) White. Charles R. White was born in Buckland, Mass., February 22, 1824. He learned the carpenter's trade, following it for some time, then worked for a while on cutlery. In 1863 he enlisted in Company E, Fifty-second Regiment, and was in active service for eleven months, returning home on receiving his discharge, and going to

work in the cabinet-shop of Swan & Co., where he was employed at the time of his death. Mrs. White, who was a daughter of Calvin Patterson, passed from earth in 1893, at the age of seventy. In politics Mr. White was a Whig and a Republican, and he was a strong advocate of temperance. He was a member and Past Grand of the Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls. Mr. White and his wife attended the Congregational church. They had three children: Charles E., Carrie, and Addie M. (Mrs. Newell). Mr. and Mrs. Newell have a son and daughter: Baxter H., born January 12, 1880; and Gertrude F., born April 8, 1883.

Mr. Newell is a Republican, and at present is the Representative for his district. He has been Town Auditor for some time, has been connected with the savings-bank as Trustee and Secretary since 1873, has been a Director in the National Bank for several years, and is now its Vice-President. He belongs to Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Shelburne Falls, Connecticut Valley Commandery of Greenfield, Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Shelburne Falls, and Encampment and Canton Tabor, of which he was Captain several years. He is Past Grand and Past Chief Patriarch of Alethian Lodge and Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. and Mrs. Newell attend the Congregational church. Their home is the old White home on Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, and is very pleasantly situated.

MYRON F. SAMPSON, a general merchant of Warwick, was born at New Salem, October 28, 1859. His father, John F. Sampson, was a native of the same town, as was also his grandfather,

Seneca Sampson. The latter there followed agricultural pursuits until his decease, which occurred at the age of seventy-five years. John F. Sampson was an only child, and at home received early training in various branches of farm work. He preferred other employment, however; and, after reaching his majority, he became engaged as a stage driver on a line running between North Prescott and Amherst and from the former place to Orange, an occupation which he continued for some twelve years in all. On relinquishing it he purchased a store at North Prescott, which he conducted for a period of six or seven years, and then, selling that, bought another at Wendell, an adjacent town in Franklin County. This farm he successfully carried on until within a short time of his decease, which occurred at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, Lydia Fish Sampson, who died at North Prescott aged forty-one, was a daughter of Joel Fish, a farmer of New Salem, her father having been among the early settlers of that town, passing a greater portion of his life there. She became the mother of four children, as follows: Alice, who married George E. Felton, of Orange; Ella A., who married George Sprague; Albert J., a merchant at Richmond, N.H.; and Myron F., of Warwick. Mr. Sampson's parents attended the Unitarian church; and his father served as Town Treasurer of Wendell, and Postmaster at both North Prescott and Wendell for some years, being a well-known and highly esteemed man and a trustworthy public official.

Myron F. Sampson passed his boyhood with his parents and received a common-school and academic education. He assisted his father in the store, thus obtaining at an early age considerable practical experience, which has since proved valuable to him. At the age of seventeen he left home and entered a store at Hard-

wick as a clerk. After remaining there a year and a half he went to Orange, where he was employed for the succeeding five years in the New Home sewing-machine factory, at the expiration of which time he again entered mercantile life. One year later he came to Warwick, where he purchased the store of Frank E. Stimpson, which he successfully carried on for a period of five years, and then, selling it to A. D. Jennings, remained out of business for one year. He next bought an interest in the general store conducted by Mr. Hastings, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this work, and, having been associated with him for the space of one year, secured his partner's interest in the business, which he has since conducted with signal ability and gratifying success. His largely increased trade making more spacious quarters necessary, in 1894 he erected his present store, which is well stocked with goods carefully chosen to meet the varied needs and tastes of his numerous customers.

In November, 1877, Mr. Sampson was united in marriage to Miss Jennie H. Chamberlain, daughter of William H. Chamberlain, of New Salem, her father being a prosperous farmer and the representative of an old and prominent family, her grandfather having been a popular medical practitioner in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Sampson have one child, Grace M. Mr. Sampson has advanced in Masonry to the Royal Arch Degree, being a member of the Lodge at Northfield and the Chapter at Orange, and has held the offices of Senior Warden and Secretary of the Blue Lodge. He is a Republican in politics, and has been Postmaster at Warwick for five years. He is a well-informed man on general topics, being a reader of books as well as of newspapers and an attendant of the Unitarian church.

JOHN C. HOLSTON, an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist residing in Wendell, Mass., on what is known as the old Howe farm, located between Wendell Depot and Wendell Centre, was born in Portland, Me., June 21, 1822, son of John and Mary (Hants) Holston. John Holston, who was a native of Sweden, followed a maritime life; and, as his voyages were principally to foreign ports, he naturally saw much of the world and made many acquaintances. He was a Mason and visited lodges in seven different countries. Mr. Holston lost his life while in the performance of his duties, by being blown from the jib of a brig on which he was engaged during a gale in the Gulf of Mexico, off New Orleans. His wife, Mary Hants, was a daughter of William and Mary Hants, the former of whom was a native of Portland, Me., where her last years were passed. William Hants served seven years in the Revolution, and after the war was over returned to Portland, where he died at the advanced age of ninety-eight. To John and Mary (Hants) Holston four children were born, and the two still living are: John C.; and Mrs. Martha Ann Potter, whose home is in the town of Milford, N.H. The mother died in Portsmouth, N.H., aged sixty-two years. She was a communicant of the Episcopal church.

John C. Holston spent his boyhood in Fryeburg, Me., receiving his education in the district schools and at Fryeburg Academy. He subsequently removed to Conway, N.H., where, after he was sixteen years old, he was engaged as a clerk in a hotel until he reached his majority, when he went to Saco, Me., and was there employed in a cotton-mill. He then secured a position in a factory at New Market, N.H., and from that place went to Lowell, where during the next fifteen years he ran a folder in a cotton-mill. When the

Civil War broke out, Mr. Holston enlisted at Lowell in the volunteer service, as a member of the First Company of Andrews's sharpshooters, with which he fought in a number of engagements; but after the battle of Antietam, where he received a severe wound, he was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and with that he remained until his honorable discharge at the close of the war, after a service of three years and eight months. He returned to Lowell, but shortly afterward, in 1866, came to his present farm, which consists of one hundred and fifteen acres.

Mr. Holston was married July 2, 1849, to Ann M. Jackson, daughter of Benjamin Jackson, who for several years followed the vocation of a tailor in South Berwick, Me., where she was born. Mr. Jackson died at the early age of thirty-seven; and his wife, who after his death made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Holston, lived to be sixty-three years of age. She was a member of the Methodist church. Of the six children born to them, two are now living: Ann M. and Mrs. Abby T. Jenkins. To Mr. and Mrs. Jackson two children have been born, but the only one now living is John Devin Holston, a farmer in North Orange, who married Mary Dudley, of Leverett, Mass., and has one child, Leslie Emmons. The other, a daughter, Abby Ann, died aged eight years.

In political affiliation Mr. Holston is a Republican, and the numerous public offices of trust to which he has been elected are ample testimony to the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow-townsmen. He has served on the School Committee, has held the office of Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor twelve years, Tax Collector eight years, and has served as Justice of the Peace twenty-eight years, having received his appointment for the latter office from the governor, his fifth com-

mission bearing date January 17, 1895. For many years he has been a member of Post No. 17, Grand Army of the Republic, of Orange.

ALANSON W. WARD, a thriving grocer of Shelburne Falls, was born in Buckland, a few miles from his present home, January 16, 1827, son of Josiah and Sally (Perkins) Ward, and grandson of Jeremiah and Hannah (Ward) Ward. His great-grandparents were John and Mary (Torry) Ward, the former of whom was a son of John, son of William, son of John, who came to this country from England.

John Ward, great-grandfather of Alanson W., was born in Mendon, Mass., September 14, 1730. In 1773 he came to Buckland, Franklin County, and bought a tract of wild land of two hundred acres. This he cleared in part and became the possessor of a good farm, now owned by H. A. Smith. His death occurred in 1805, when he was seventy-five years old. His children were: Josiah, Susan, Luke, and Jeremiah. The latter was born in Mendon, Mass., in 1765, and came into possession of the homestead, caring for his parents in their old age. Besides farming, Jeremiah Ward carried on the trade of cooper. He and his wife Hannah were active members of the Congregational church. They had the following children: Josiah, Jane, Sumner, Jeremiah, John, Hannah, and Luke. Mr. Ward was a Whig in politics and held several town offices. He died in 1847, at the age of eighty-two years, his wife having preceded him to the other world in 1833, aged fifty-nine years.

Josiah Ward was born in Buckland, Franklin County, Mass., March 20, 1795. Following his father's example, he took care of his parents in their declining years and came into possession of the homestead. He served an

apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, in which he was extensively engaged during most of his life, besides following farming. He improved the farm by remodelling the buildings, and increased its value in other ways. He was an esteemed resident of the town, and his death, at the age of sixty-four, was much deplored. His wife died at the age of fifty-six in Buckland. They had seven children: Sally M., Josiah P., Jeremiah S., Alanson W., Luke A., Samuel A., and Cynthia E.

Alanson W. Ward acquired a practical education in the district schools of Buckland, and at the age of twenty-one years commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some time in company with his father. Failing health obliging him to change his occupation, he procured a horse and travelled the road for some time, selling articles of general use. He later came to Shelburne Falls, and, finding employment in a shop as wood-worker, remained thus engaged until 1867. Starting business for himself, he was twice burned out, but each time rebuilt his shop and continued taking all kinds of job work, including box-making. He finally sold his shop, and in 1867, in company with J. B. Frost, purchased a saw and grist mill, but was afterward, on account of ill health, obliged to sell out his share and retire from active work for a time. While out of business he was honored by his fellow-citizens by being elected Representative, serving in the legislature in 1876 and 1877. He then bought a shoe store; but, after spending one year in that trade, he opened a general grocery store in the Odd Fellows Block in Buckland, and has continued in this business up to the present time. Early in 1895, that block being partially destroyed by fire, Mr. Ward removed to the Vice Block, on the Shelburne Falls side of the town line, his present location. Here he has a large, well-

fitted store with a first-class stock, and is doing a very prosperous business, employing four clerks and using three delivery wagons.

He was married March 11, 1857, to Mrs. Betsy (Woodward) Brewster, daughter of Eliaphas Woodward. They have one daughter, Jennie M., born April 17, 1862. Two children died in infancy: Wendell Fay, aged about two years; and Fred Clifton, aged three years and six months. An adopted son, Clarence W., who was born October 4, 1868, is employed as clerk in Mr. Ward's store; he married Sarah A. Shaw, and they have one child, Mildred S.

Besides engaging in the occupations mentioned above, Mr. Ward has bought and sold real estate, and has a beautiful home at 9 Main Street, a fine brick house with all modern improvements. He is one of the Trustees of the savings-bank and a member of the Shelburne Falls Board of Trade. He is a Democrat in politics, and was Selectman* and Assessor in 1866 and 1867. Fraternally, he is a member of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the Franklin County Chapter, and the Connecticut Valley Commandery. He is a liberal in religion, and is a useful and esteemed citizen of his town.

SEYMOUR ROCKWELL, one of Montague's intelligent and progressive farmers, residing about one and one-half miles from the village, was born in this town on February 8, 1837, son of John Rockwell. The father, who was a farmer, and had also followed the trade of a clothier in his early days, passed the latter part of his life in Montague, where he died at the age of sixty years. He married for his second wife Mrs. Nancy Bissell Burnett, a native of East Windsor and widow of David Burnett. She

had had three children by her first marriage; and by this union she reared a family of four children, of whom Seymour Rockwell is the only one now living. Mrs. Nancy B. Rockwell, who was a member of the Congregational church, died at the age of seventy-six years.

Seymour Rockwell after acquiring his education in the district schools of his native town and the academies at Deerfield, Mass., and at Westminster, Vt., taught school in Montague and other towns during the school season, devoting his summers to farming. He resided with his parents until attaining his majority, and has since lived in Montague, where he has given his attention to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Rockwell is independent in politics, and has with ability served in the local town government both as Selectman and Assessor, and has also rendered valuable service as a member of the School Board from 1859 to the present day. He was made a Mason at Greenfield in 1861, and in 1874 became one of the charter members of the Montague Lodge. He has held all of the important offices in the Blue Lodge, and has been Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District, which includes Montague, Northampton, Williamsburg, Amherst, Greenfield, Orange, and Northfield. He is also a member of Franklin Chapter and Connecticut Valley Commandery, of Greenfield.

In 1864 Mr. Rockwell was united in marriage to Hattie A. Ward, of Montague, a daughter of Captain Jonathan Ward, who was for many years a manufacturer of and dealer in confectionery, he himself journeying quite a good deal in the interest of his business, being a popular commercial traveller of that time. He died at the age of eighty-six years. His children were: Hattie A.; and Truman E., who served in the Civil War as a member of the Twenty-seventh Regimental Band, and



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who died in 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell have one child, Florence Ward, who attended the schools of Montague, and after a special preparatory course entered Smith College, where she remained two years. She then engaged in teaching for the following three years. In 1894 she entered Radcliffe College, but, owing to failing health, was obliged to relinquish further studies. She is a bright and ambitious young lady, and, with improved health, will doubtless successfully accomplish a worthy purpose in life. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell attend the Unitarian church.

GEORGE M. WHEELER, a gentleman of enterprise and good business ability, the owner of a box manufactory at Brush Valley in Warwick, Mass., was born in this town, October 25, 1849, son of James S. and Zarina (Ball) Wheeler. His father was a native of Hubbardston, Mass., of which town his grandfather, who was in all probability a wheelwright, was a resident. James S. Wheeler when a young man went to work in what was then a chair-shop, and later on became its owner and carried it on as a brush woods factory, continuing thus engaged up to the time of his death, at the early age of fifty-six. The wife of James S. Wheeler, Zarina D. Ball before marriage, was the daughter of Mrs. Lydia Walker Ball, a native of Royalston. Their union was blessed by the birth of two children who grew to maturity, namely: a daughter, Addie J.; and a son, George M., who at the early age of two years was bereft of a mother's care, her death occurring at this time.

George M. Wheeler, who, it will be observed, is further represented in these pages by a lifelike portrait, remained with his father after his mother's death, acquiring a district-school education in Warwick and

Orange, Mass., and assisting his father in the mill, where he acquired a knowledge of the details of the business. After his father's death he continued to run the mill as a brush woods factory for some ten years, or up to 1882, when he changed the machinery and started out in the manufacture of all kinds of wooden boxes, in which industry he is still engaged, working up the lumber from plank, having an excellent water-power and in connection with it a steam-engine. His mill has a capacity of five hundred thousand boxes per year, the product being shipped to New York and Boston. On June 20, 1876, he was married to Esther S. Forbush, of Warwick, though Palmer, Hampden County, was her birthplace. Her father died in her childhood.

Politically, George M. Wheeler affiliates with the Democratic party, and has served his town as Selectman two years, also as Overseer of the Poor and Assessor. He is highly popular in social circles and is a much respected citizen, being a forwarder of every good enterprise. He is connected with several Masonic Lodges, among them the Blue Lodge of Orange, Orange Commandery, and Crescent Chapter of Orange. He and his wife are attendants of the Universalist church at Orange.

JOHN B. LAIDLEY, M.D., a successful physician and highly esteemed citizen of Conway, Franklin County, was born in Westhampton, Mass., February 25, 1858, son of Hugh B. and Lydia (Brown) Laidley. His paternal grandfather, George Laidley, came from Scotland to this country, settling in Northampton, where he followed with marked success the vocation of a gardener. He married Miss Marion Baine, who was born and reared in Scotland, and who lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years.

Hugh B. Laidley was born in Northampton and remained with his parents up to the time of his marriage. Previous to leaving home he learned and successfully followed the vocation of a brick-mason. He then purchased a farm in Huntington, Mass., and profitably spent several years in agriculture. Afterward he sold his farm and removed to Conway, where he passed the last years of his life. During the Civil War he was a faithful soldier in Company A of the Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Regiment of Volunteers. After the war was over and the fraternal order known as the Grand Army of the Republic was instituted, he became an honored member of Francis A. Clary Post. He died when but fifty-six years of age. His wife, Lydia Brown Laidley, was a native of Huntington, Mass., and a daughter of Spencer Brown, of that place. Their union was blessed by the birth of four children, three sons and a daughter: namely, John B., George H., Lula M., and Edward J.

John B. Laidley, the eldest son, grew to manhood in the parental home, receiving his early education in the common schools, and later taking an academic course in Powers Institute at Bernardston, Mass., from which he was graduated in the class of 1878. He then took up the study of medicine at Long Island College in Brooklyn, N.Y., completing the course there with the class of 1883. That same year he engaged in the practice of medicine in Conway, where he has since continued in his chosen profession, and is meeting with good success. On January 1, 1884, Dr. Laidley was joined in marriage with Miss Mary R. Tingley, who was born in Milford, Mass., and here grew to womanhood. She is a daughter of the Rev. E. S. Tingley. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Laidley, a son and two daughters: Marion L., Malcolm E., and Alice W.

In politics Dr. Laidley is a supporter of Prohibitionist principles; and fraternally he is affiliated with the Morning Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is also a member of the Sons of Veterans. He is now serving as Secretary of the Conway Electric Street Car Company. Dr. Laidley and his estimable wife are members of the Congregational church of Conway.

CHARLES F. CLARK, of the firm of Richards & Clark, dealers in groceries and general merchandise, and a prominent citizen of Erving, was born in this town, July 16, 1856, son of Horace and Mary (Buss) Clark. Josiah Clark, the father of Horace, was born in Royalston, and was there engaged in agricultural pursuits for a time; but in 1810 he came to Wendell and purchased a farm, where he passed the remainder of his life. He died at the age of sixty-six.

Horace Clark, who was the second of the seven children born to his parents, first saw the light of this world December 24, 1819. He remained on the home farm in Wendell with his father until his freedom birthday, after which he learned the trade of a cabinet-maker and later that of a glazier. About the year 1845 he removed from Wendell to Erving, where he lived the rest of his life, following his trades. He became an influential citizen of Erving and took an active interest in its welfare, serving as Tax Collector and Constable for a number of years. He died in his seventy-second year, while his mental faculties were yet well preserved. His wife, Mary Buss, was a daughter of Mason and Mary Buss, being one of four children, and a native of Sterling, Mass., where her father was engaged as a farmer and also as a chair-maker. She bore her husband four children, three of whom grew to maturity: Edward S., a painter

and glazier in Erving; Abbie J.; and Charles F. Mrs. Mary B. Clark was a member of the Baptist church. She died in her forty-sixth year.

Charles F. lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age, beginning to work at his father's trade as soon as old enough. He then went into the chair-shop, where he was employed about seven years, at the end of which, with the accumulated savings of those years, he joined Mr. Richards, his present partner, in the purchase of the business of Turner, Hanson & Co. At that time the stock in trade consisted of groceries and meat; but they have since added dry goods, boots, shoes, and clothing, so that their present stock is double what it was when they commenced business, and includes a much larger variety.

In 1888 Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Mary E. Spaulding, daughter of V. L. Spaulding, of Bridgewater, Vt., where she was born. The five children born to her parents are as follows: Anna, who married Dr. E. W. Hart, and lives in West Gardner, Worcester County; Emma, who married Henry Reynolds; George; Villa, who married Wellman Townsend, of Vermont, and is now living in Iowa; and Mary E., Mrs. Clark, with whom the father is now making his home. The mother died in October, 1893. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have one son, Clarence Henry.

In politics Mr. Clark is a Republican. He is prominent in the fraternal societies, being a member of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of Crescent Chapter, both of Orange, having served as Junior Warden in the Blue Lodge. He also belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Orange, and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Both he and Mrs. Clark attend the Congregational church.

EBENEZER R. GOODNOW, a retired farmer, who in the autumn of life is enjoying the harvest of his long season of industry and wise economy, is one of the best-known and most respected citizens of Charlemont. He was born May 28, 1816, in the town of Rowe, son of Thomas and Charity (Hinckley) Goodnow, and grandson of Thomas Goodnow, Sr., a pioneer settler. The latter was born in Shutesbury, where he lived the early part of his life. Some time after his marriage he removed to Rowe, bringing his wife and children with him, and bought a large tract of wild land, they being one of the first families to settle in that locality. He cleared a good farm, on which, with the exception of a few years spent in the State of Vermont, he resided until his decease, at the age of seventy-one years, his wife living fourscore years. In religious faith they were Unitarians. They had a large family of children, several of whom died young, the three that lived to rear families being: Thomas, Eber, and Abner.

Thomas Goodnow, Jr., was born in Shutesbury, Mass., and accompanied his parents to Rowe, where he subsequently bought land and engaged in farming, living to a ripe old age. He was a Whig in politics, and with his wife belonged to the Baptist church. Their family consisted of ten children, of whom two, Harriet and Watson, died when young. Those growing to maturity were: Elizabeth; Persis; Lewis; Olive; Russell; Roanna; Laura; and Ebenezer R., of the present sketch.

Ebenezer R. Goodnow was reared and educated in the place of his nativity, and, being the youngest member of the parental homestead, he remained at home, assisting on the farm and caring for his parents until twenty-four years old. Then, on April 15, 1840, he was united in marriage to Louisa Gould,

daughter of Daniel Gould, a farmer of Cole-rain. She was born in 1815, and proved a most admirable helpmeet and counsellor during their many years of happy wedlock, departing this life August 3, 1887. Mr. Goodnow subsequently married Mrs. Mary (Smith) Goodell, widow of W. Goodell and daughter of Simeon and Amanda (More) Smith, of Halifax, Vt., where Mr. Smith died at the advanced age of eighty-seven years, and his wife at the age of eighty-nine years.

At the time of his first marriage Mr. Goodnow bought one hundred and twenty acres of land, making a cash payment of five hundred dollars, which he had accumulated solely by his own exertions. This land is now owned by the Davis Sulphur Company. After enlarging and repairing the buildings and erecting a new residence, he bought other land, increasing the number of acres to two hundred and eighty-five. Besides tilling the soil he devoted a good deal of time to raising cattle, horses, and sheep; and by dint of hard labor, keen foresight, and practical sagacity he accumulated a fortune. Thinking he had earned a desired rest, he sold his farm and removed to Charlemont, buying a house in the village, where he lived a short time, when he traded for the estate now known as the Cooley farm; and for six years he successfully carried on his former occupation. He then sold that place and bought his present house, which was built by Justin Beckwith in 1850, and has always been kept in excellent repair. Mr. Goodnow has made important alterations in it, and built a new wagon-house, having now one of the most attractive and desirable residences in the neighborhood.

Since coming here he has been prominently identified with the highest and best interests of the town, and in 1893 began the agitation of the building of a town hall, an improvement

greatly needed. He was appointed one of the building committee, and, finding it impossible to raise a sufficient sum to erect a suitable building, he gave eight thousand dollars toward it, he to have the use of the interest at five per cent. during his life, thinking that this sum would complete the building. Finding that it would not, another subscription was raised, he again giving generously; and Goodnow Hall, which was named in his honor and stands as a memorial of his liberality and public spirit, is an ornament and a credit to the town. It is a substantial brick structure, sixty by seventy-two feet, finely located, the land having been the gift of Professor J. White, of Williams College, in memory of his father, whose homestead formerly stood on the spot. It is finely furnished, the work of the Young People's Dramatic Club, and has several well-fitted office rooms. An old resident of Charlemont, now living in New York, presented the clock.

Mr. Goodnow is a steadfast Republican, and has served his town in various local offices, having been Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. His financial ability is recognized, and for the past ten years he has been one of the Directors of the Shelburne Falls Bank. In 1894 Mr. Goodnow gave six thousand dollars to Williams College for the education of poor students, he to have the use of the interest at five per cent. during his life. He also gave twelve hundred dollars to the Methodist Episcopal church, of Shelburne Falls, for buying a parsonage.

DANIEL W. BENJAMIN, an extensive lumber dealer of Miller's Falls, was born at Wendell, September 27, 1835. His father, Ivers Benjamin, was a native of the same town; and his grandfather,

Joel Benjamin, was born at Hardwick, in 1760. Joel was a son of Caleb Benjamin, who was born at Watertown on May 26, 1729, and lived in Wendell for many years. In 1769 he came to Miller's Falls, then but a small parish, where he purchased a large tract of land, some five or six miles in length, for which he paid two copper pennies per acre, and, after clearing about three hundred and fifty acres for himself, sold the eastern portion of his purchase to his brother Abel. He passed the remainder of his life in this vicinity, and died at his home, which was located about three miles from the residence of his grandson.

Caleb was a son of an elder Caleb, who was born at Watertown on June 28, 1701, his father, John Benjamin, having been a native of England. Grandfather Joel Benjamin moved with his father to this region at the age of nine years, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. On reaching manhood he settled upon a portion of his father's large farm, erected a small house, which is still standing, brought his land to a high state of cultivation, and died after a life of useful toil, at the age of eighty years. He married Sarah Anderson, who became the mother of seven children, five of whom lived to reach maturity.

Ivers Benjamin, one of the five, attended the district schools and assisted his father upon the farm. At the age of twenty-one years he left home and travelled through the South selling books. Settling in this locality on his return, he conducted a saw-mill for several years, subsequently retiring to the old homestead, where he resided until reaching the age of seventy years, when he removed to the village of Miller's Falls. He died in 1876, aged eighty-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Amoret Church, was born at Sunderland, daughter of Dr. Church, a graduate of Harvard College and an old practi-

tioner of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Ivers Benjamin were the parents of six children, five of whom attained their majority and two are still living. Of these, Fanny C. was twice married, her first husband having been Wallace Pritchard and the second George Ward, both being now deceased. Reuben Garfield resides at Athol, and Daniel W. at Miller's Falls, as mentioned above. Ivers Benjamin took an active part in the local government, was Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, Assessor some fifteen or twenty years, and represented his district in the State legislature during the years 1837 and 1838, also acting as a Notary Public. Mr. Benjamin's mother, who was a member of the Congregational church, died at the age of sixty-two years.

Daniel W. Benjamin passed his boyhood and youth at Wendell, where he received a good education in the district schools. At the age of twenty-one he abandoned the parental roof and sought the great West, where for two years he engaged in the lumber business, subsequently returning East, and for the succeeding two years operating a saw-mill at New Braintree, Worcester County. After this he resided at the old homestead for four years, and, selling it at the expiration of that time, rented a farm in Wendell, which he conducted for one year, and from which he moved to the property situated opposite his present residence. For the succeeding fifteen years Mr. Benjamin was engaged in lumbering, having secured woodlands, from which he cut the timber and manufactured lumber for various markets, also selling fuel and railroad ties, employing twenty-eight teams and delivering at the railroad station here alone more than three thousand cords of wood and over thirty thousand ties. He conducted a very successful business, being associated with a partner until 1880, when he sold his interest, and, after

carrying on business with his brother for a time, has since operated alone with the most profitable results. The residence he now occupies is delightfully situated upon the banks of Miller's River, a tributary of the majestic Connecticut, which can be seen winding its way toward the sea, while, in the distance, mountains rise heavenward in picturesque grandeur.

On May 29, 1866, Mr. Benjamin was united in marriage to Miss Edna J. Bemis, daughter of Theodore Bemis, of West Medway, a mason and an extensive contractor, who erected the State Insane Asylum at Worcester, and is now living in retirement at West Orange. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin have had one adopted daughter, who is now deceased. He is a Republican in politics, and served as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor at Wendell. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Greenfield; and both himself and wife are members of the Congregational church, of which he has served upon the various committees, while Mrs. Benjamin is actively engaged in Sunday-school work.

LEBARON DUTTON RUDDOCK, a late resident of Buckland, who was much esteemed as a large-hearted and public-spirited citizen, was born at Northfield, Franklin County, Mass., November 30, 1831. His father, Dr. Asa Ruddock, was born either at Buckland or Hawley, September 15, 1798. He commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, but abandoned that calling on account of impaired health, and turned his attention to the study of medicine. He began the practice of his profession at Northfield, and subsequently practised in Clinton, N.Y., and in Brooklyn. From Brooklyn he went West, and, purchasing a farm at Lyons, Ia., was engaged in agricultural pursuits for some

time. He finally sold his property and returned to Buckland, Mass., where he passed the remainder of his life in retirement. He died at the age of seventy-six years. His first wife, the mother of LeBaron D. Ruddock, was Mary Dutton, of Northfield, who died in young womanhood, at Clinton, N.Y.

LeBaron D. Ruddock, having been educated in the public schools of Clinton, N.Y., went with his father to Brooklyn, where he was for seven years engaged in the drug business. Later he was associated with his father in the West; and he accompanied him back to New England, purchasing a residence at Buckland Centre, which included a small tract of land. Although he devoted some of his time to the cultivation of small fruits, the greater portion of it was passed in attending to his business interests. He died at Buckland on March 21, 1889. He kept in touch with the progress of rural economy, being a member of the Deerfield Valley Agricultural Society and the Buckland Farmers' Club.

On June 5, 1877, Mr. Ruddock was married to Miss Mary Sherwin, daughter of Edmund and Nancy (Taylor) Sherwin, of Buckland. Mrs. Ruddock, who survives her husband, is a grand-daughter of Nathaniel Sherwin, a farmer of South Buckland, where he was a lifelong resident. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Bement. Edmund Sherwin received a liberal education and intended to take a complete collegiate course, but was obliged to relinquish the idea on account of failing health; and, returning to his home, he resided with his parents until their death. He succeeded to the ownership of the ancestral farm, but later exchanged it for another in the same town, on which he died at the age of seventy-six years. His wife, Mrs. Ruddock's mother, who was before her marriage Nancy Taylor, was born February 4, 1806. She was a



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daughter of Samuel Taylor; and her grandfather, also named Samuel, was an early settler of Buckland. He followed agricultural pursuits, and died in that town at the age of ninety years. His wife, Sally Butler Taylor, died at the age of seventy-four years. Mrs. Nancy T. Sherwin was called to rest at the age of sixty-five years. She was the mother of four children, who were named as follows: Elizabeth, Abner, Mary, and Sarah.

In politics Mr. Ruddock was a Republican. He was originally an Episcopalian, but after his marriage he united with the Congregational church, of which his wife was already a member. He was deeply interested in the general welfare and the intellectual and moral progress of the community in which he lived; and at his decease he left a legacy of one thousand dollars, the interest of which is to be used to support a free church library. This thoughtful generosity stimulating others to aid the good cause of the advancement of learning, in 1890 a handsome brick structure was erected for the library. The building, including the land, cost two thousand five hundred dollars, and it contains twenty-two hundred volumes.

On a neighboring page will be seen a portrait of this public benefactor, the perpetuity of whose gift will cause his name to be lastingly held in grateful remembrance.

IRA A. GUILFORD, a well-known business man of Northampton, Hampshire County, a member of the firm of Guilford & Wood, horse dealers, was born in Conway, Franklin County, Mass., October 24, 1847, son of Walter and Minerva (Amsden) Guilford. Both his grandfather, Walter Guilford, Sr., and his father were natives of Ashfield, the latter born in 1818. The family name of his paternal grandmother was Bur-

nett. His father was a farmer by occupation. He died in 1872, at the age of fifty-four. His wife, Minerva Amsden Guilford, died in 1874, her span of life also embracing fifty-four years. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom reached maturity. The eldest, Manley Guilford, offered up his young life on the altar of his country, dying in the army of a disease contracted in camp at the age of twenty-two. The others may here be briefly designated as follows: Minerva is the wife of Frank Warren, of Boston; Ira A. is the subject of this sketch, further mentioned below; Julius S. died in Ashfield, leaving a wife and two children; Alice was drowned when a child a little over two years of age; Arthur is a hotel-keeper at Conway, Mass.; Ralph M. resides in Northampton.

Ira A. Guilford was reared to farm life. He attended the district schools, and acquired a fair education, working for his parents on the home farm until twenty-one years of age, when his father agreed to give him forty dollars a month. He was engaged in various work until November, 1886, when he formed a partnership with Frank J. Wood, of Shelburne Falls, and established a market for horses at Northampton Centre, under the firm name of Guilford & Wood. Their enterprise has prospered; and they are doing quite an extensive business, trading largely in Western and Canadian horses, buying principally in Michigan and Illinois, and bearing a wide reputation for fair dealing. They usually import in this way about thirty carloads per year, carefully selected, their average annual sales amounting to one thousand horses.

On Christmas Day, 1871, Mr. Guilford was united in marriage with Ella Brown, of Conway, daughter of L. T. and Martha (Shippie) Brown. The one son who blessed their union

passed away in infancy. Mr. Guilford is independent in political matters, using his own judgment in voting for the best men and measures. Socially, he is an advanced member of the Masonic fraternity, being a prominent Sir Knight.

FRANCIS J. CANEDY, M.D., the leading physician and surgeon of Shelburne Falls, was born in the town of Heath, July 9, 1846, son of Joel and Louisa (Canedy) Canedy, and grandson of John and Susan (Stowe) Canedy. His great-grandfather, John Canedy, Sr., who was born in Ireland, came to this country many years ago and settled in Colerain, Franklin County, purchasing there one hundred and sixty acres of new land, the greater part of which he cleared. He lived to be eighty years old, rearing a large family. John Canedy, the younger, was born in Colerain and spent the greater part of his life in that town. In 1834 he bought one hundred and eighty acres of land in Heath; and about one year later, in 1835, he died. He was an industrious and thrifty farmer, and at his death was worth over ten thousand dollars. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Stowe, lived to be seventy-five years of age. They reared eight children.

Joel Canedy was a minor when his father died. He was bound out to John Burrington, of Heath, until twenty-one years of age, when he came into possession of his share of the home estate; and since that time he has been prosperously engaged in farming, tilling the ancestral acres. He has a strong constitution, and at seventy-two years (1895) is very active. Mrs. Canedy is sixty-nine years of age. Mr. Canedy votes the Republican ticket, and has been active in town affairs, serving as Selectman, School Committee, and in other offices.

He and his wife attend the Methodist church. They are the parents of the following children: Francis J.; Winfield S., a retired farmer in Shelburne Falls; Lucy, wife of James Stockwell; George M., a farmer in Heath.

Francis J. Canedy attended the district schools of his native town, also studying at a select school and at Shelburne Falls Academy. He taught school during the winter terms for some years, and at one time he was assistant teacher at the academy at Shelburne Falls. He pursued his medical studies at the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, Mich., graduating in 1870, and in May of that year opened an office at Whitingham, Vt., where he was in practice two years. At the end of that time he went to Greenfield as assistant to Dr. William Severance. He subsequently bought the practice of Dr. C. Puffer at Shelburne Falls, and in time purchased the beautiful residence on Bridge Street which he now occupies, having made several improvements on the estate. Dr. Canedy is a very successful and popular physician and has a large practice. He is at present Medical Examiner of the Western Franklin County District, and also United States Examiner for Pensions for the same district. A man of foresight and financial ability, the Doctor has dealt somewhat in real estate, and owns four double tenement-houses in a two-thirds share in the Union Block, and some property at Shattuckville.

Dr. Francis J. Canedy was married August 20, 1872, to Emma, daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Gore) Chase, of Whitingham, Vt. Mr. Chase was a teacher by profession in his early manhood, later a farmer. He died at the age of seventy-two. Mrs. Chase is still living, being now seventy years of age. Dr. Canedy and his wife are the parents of three children, namely: Grace E., born May 29,

1873, now the wife of Professor Frederic A. Tupper, principal of the Quincy High School; Charles F., born January 16, 1877, a student at Williams College; and Ruth B., born November 17, 1880, who is with her parents.

In politics Dr. Canedy is a member of the Republican party. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Baptist church.

HENRY A. FIELD, a young man of extensive activity and influence, residing in South Deerfield, prominent in many a good word and work, occupies a very responsible position as Assistant Treasurer of the Phillips Manufacturing Company at Springfield. He was born at Milford, Mass., on August 8, 1870, and is the son of John A. Field, a native of Ohio, whose father, Robert Field, was born in Deerfield, Mass., and there followed the business of carriage building for some years, or until his removal to Ohio. In that State he became the superintendent of the penitentiary, a position which he very satisfactorily filled for a number of years, subsequently returning to Deerfield, resuming the manufacture of carriages. He died at the age of nearly ninety years.

Of his two children, John A., Mr. Henry A. Field's father, was the younger; and, as he was eligible for service at the commencement of the Civil War, he enlisted in an Ohio Regiment, with which he served through its stipulated term, and, subsequently re-enlisting, continued in the ranks until the close of the war. After a short sojourn in his native place, he was engaged for a number of years as a book-keeper in Ex-Governor Claflin's furniture manufactory at Milford, later return-

ing to South Deerfield. He married Mary Phillips, daughter of Alonzo D. Phillips, a hotel-keeper of Athol, Mass., who passed his last years as proprietor of the Pocumtuck House, and died in Greenfield at the age of about fifty-one years. Mr. Phillips and his wife, Henry A. Field's maternal grandmother, formerly Mary Robinson, of Springfield, reared six children, four of whom are still living; namely, Alonzo D., Henry M., Mary, and Emma, the latter being the wife of Cyrus Brown, of Deerfield. Mary, Mr. Field's mother, was educated at the Deerfield Academy and the New England Conservatory of Music, and is a very successful music teacher.

Henry A. Field is the only child of his parents and has been a resident of Deerfield since he was three years of age. He first attended the public schools of the town, later entering the Dickinson Academy, from which he was graduated in 1887, at the age of seventeen years, as the valedictorian of his class. In the autumn of that year he began teaching in the grammar school at South Deerfield, where he continued for three terms, or one year. After filling for a year a situation as book-keeper he resumed teaching, and was for two terms principal of the Green River Grammar School, a position which he resigned in order to accept the assistant treasurership of the Phillips Manufacturing Company at Springfield, which he has efficiently and satisfactorily filled for the past five years.

Mr. Field is a Republican in politics, and has been elected Town Auditor, a Trustee of the Town Library, and moderator of the town meeting for 1895, being also a member of the Republican Town Committee for 1896. He is a very popular man socially, both in this town and in Springfield, being a member of the most prominent clubs and societies in both places. He is secretary of the South Deer-

field Club, and also a member of the Canoe Association, the Bicycle, the Winthrop, and Nayasset Clubs of Springfield (where he resided temporarily, from 1890 to 1894), and has a very large number of acquaintances in that city. While there he was identified with the First Congregational Church and Sunday-school, and is now a member of the South Deerfield church and superintendent of its Sunday-school.

Mr. Field has been prominently connected with the Christian Endeavor and the Young Men's Christian Association movements. He was on the Board of Directors of the State Christian Endeavor organization for six continuous years, was its first State Secretary, which office he held for three years, and was subsequently State Treasurer for three years. He has also been Secretary and President of the local society, and has held the same offices in the county union. In 1889 he was elected Assistant Secretary of the International Convention at Philadelphia. For two years Mr. Field was Secretary of the eighth Young Men's Christian Association district, and is a member of the Springfield Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Field is also a life member of the American Missionary Association and the Home Missionary Society, and is a member of the Connecticut Valley Congregational Club and the Sons of the American Revolution.

HUGH MAXWELL, the leading merchant in Heath, his native town, where he also conducts a large farm, was born on June 5, 1836, son of William M. and Eunice (Rugg) Maxwell, and grandson of Hugh and Olive (Newhall) Maxwell. His great-grandfather, Colonel Hugh Maxwell, a native of Ireland, settled in Bedford, Mass.,

early in the eighteenth century, and there became a prominent farmer and land-owner, taking up arms in defence of the country at the time of the Revolutionary struggle. (See biographical notice of Charles T. Barber on a neighboring page of this volume.) The Colonel's son Hugh, the second of the name, purchased some two hundred acres of land in Heath, and established a good farm. He was a staunch Whig and filled various official positions in the town; and he was an active member of the Congregational church. He died at the age of seventy-eight, and his wife at eighty-four. They had five children, William M., above named, being the youngest.

William M. Maxwell was born in Heath, May 22, 1807. The duty of caring for his parents in their old age devolved upon him, and with this duty the charge of the homestead and the attendant labors of farm life. Industrious, enterprising, and prudent, he accumulated quite a fortune, raising a variety of stock and owning large flocks of sheep. He voted in the ranks of the Whig party, and held various offices in the town, being Assessor for some time. Like his father, he was a member of the Congregational church. He lived to be eighty years old and was four times married.

Hugh Maxwell, son of William M. by his first wife, acquired a fair education in the schools of Heath, and was early initiated in the principles and methods of agriculture. He had charge of the homestead farm for twelve years and gradually acquired more property, buying first the farm on which he resides, covering twenty-five acres, and afterward adding to it until he is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres. He carries on an extensive dairy business and is largely engaged in raising stock, besides conducting a thriving trade in merchandise. His estate is a fine one, and the house roomy and substantial.



HUGH MAXWELL.

In March, 1859, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage with Louisa E., daughter of Captain David and Sarah (Greene) Gould. Captain Gould was a progressive farmer in easy circumstances. A Democrat in political views, he represented his district at the General Court in 1851, and was Selectman of the town for several terms. Both he and his wife lived to an advanced age, rearing a family of twelve children.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have been blessed by three children, namely: Cora E., born April 18, 1861, who died on December 25, 1885; Ella L., born November 27, 1863, who married Frank A. Ward, and has three children—Gladys L., Madeline E., and Frank H.; and Mary E., born March 1, 1867, who is Postmistress at Heath and also serves in her father's store. Mr. Maxwell votes the Republican ticket and is prominent in town affairs, having served as Selectman, Assessor, and Town Clerk. In 1880 he represented his district in the State legislature. The family attend the Union church, and are of high social standing in the town.

This brief biography is happily supplemented by a faithful portrait of Mr. Maxwell.

PORTER FARWELL, the able superintendent of the Montague Paper Company, established at Turner's Falls, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Ischua, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., May 8, 1848. His father, John H. Farwell, was born in Fitchburg, Mass., from which town his grandfather, Abraham Farwell, who was a native of Massachusetts, removed to Western New York, settling in Ischua as early as 1814. Taking up a tract of land in that locality, he built a saw-mill, and conducted a successful lumber business many years; later he engaged

in farming, remaining there till the close of his life.

John H. Farwell, son of Abraham, was one of a large family. He spent his boyhood and youth at the new home on the frontier, where he assisted his father in running lumber down the Alleghany River. He also carried on farming for many years, making his home in that locality, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, Catherine Putnam, was born near Shirley, Mass. Of their nine children, eight are still living, as follows: John H.; Samuel P.; Marie C., widow of Ira J. Gleason, of Fitchburg; Mary F., wife of J. C. Lockwood, of Greene, Ia.; Daniel G. (deceased); Lydia M., wife of George Marshall, founder of the Montague Paper Mill of Turner's Falls; Abraham M.; Martha A., wife of Lowell E. Fales, of New York; and Porter. Mrs. Catherine P. Farwell died at the old homestead, at the age of sixty-four years. Both parents were members of the Baptist church.

Porter Farwell remained at home during his early years, attending the public schools and the academy in Franklinville, N.Y. In 1870 he went to Iowa, where during his stay of eighteen months he cleared a farm and built a house for his brother. Going then to Laurel, Ind., in company with his brother-in-law, George E. Marshall, he found employment in a paper-mill established in that town. At the end of a year they removed to Turner's Falls, Mass., and, after Mr. Marshall had established the present mill, Mr. Farwell took the position of assistant foreman, which he held two years. He then became foreman of the works; and eight years later he was made superintendent, which office he has continued to fill up to the present time. The mill is devoted to the manufacture of news and book paper. The company conducting it was one of the first to

use successfully ground wood in the manufacture of printing paper; and the paper now sent out by them, under Mr. Farwell's supervision, is considered of a very superior quality.

In September, 1874, Mr. Farwell was married to Miss Alice F. Burlingame, who was born in Franklinville, N.Y., daughter of John Burlingame. Her father, now deceased, was a native of the same town, where he resided and carried on the insurance business. Her mother, Mrs. Burlingame, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Farwell have three children, namely: Catherine, a graduate of the high school and now studying at Smith College, Northampton, Mass.; Raymond A., a student at Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, Mass.; and Elizabeth R.

Mr. Farwell is a Republican in politics and devoted to the interests of the party. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. of Turner's Falls, also of the Chapter of that fraternity and of the Connecticut Valley Commandery at Greenfield, and has held several offices in the Blue Lodge. He and his family are connected with the Baptist society, in which he holds the office of Trustee. Mr. Farwell holds a prominent position in the community. The prosperity of the mill is chiefly owing to his enterprise and practical ability, the working facilities of the machinery being now so applied as to furnish forty tons of finished paper per day in place of four tons, their early record.

LYMAN O. GUNN, of Erving, who resides upon the road leading from this town to Miller's Falls, was born at Montague, December 27, 1834, son of Asahel and Caroline (Stone) Gunn. The family are descendants of Moses Gunn, an early inhabitant of Montague, who was sent in 1775 as a

delegate from this district to the Provincial Congress. For a more extended account of their ancestors, the reader is referred to the History of Connecticut Valley which was published in 1879. Mr. Gunn's great-grandfather, Abel Gunn, a farmer, was a native and lifelong resident of Montague. Abel Gunn, Jr., resided in Montague until after marriage, and then moved to Wendell, where he was engaged in farming for twenty-five years. He finally returned to Montague, where he passed the remainder of his life. He was the father of nine children, two sons and seven daughters.

Asahel, the younger son, was born February 9, 1800, and succeeded to the possession of the old homestead, upon which he resided until 1835, when he moved to Cabot, Vt., where he died on May 4, 1883. His wife, Caroline Stone, whom he married January 7, 1829, was a daughter of Matthias Stone, who was born in Massachusetts, October 13, 1769, son of Matthias and Susan (Chadwick) Stone, grandson of Ebenezer, and great-grandson of the Rev. Nathaniel Stone (Harvard College, 1690). Nathaniel, who was a native of Watertown, and son of Simon Stone, married Reliana, daughter of Thomas Hinckley, the last governor of Plymouth Colony. He was ordained and settled as pastor at Harwich, Barnstable County, in 1700, and died February 5, 1755, aged about eighty-eight years.

Matthias Stone, who was a farmer by occupation, moved from Massachusetts to Claremont, N.H., and later to Cabot, Vt., where he was an early settler, and died at the age of seventy-eight years. Caroline Stone was born in Claremont, November 29, 1804. She received a good education, and taught school in Cabot until her marriage. She became the mother of six children, of whom but two are now living: Lyman O. and Rodney A. Walter T., born March 7, 1831, died January

17, 1835; Clarissa L., born October 10, 1833, died January 6, 1855; Julia Ann, born April 19, 1837, married A. A. Perry, died December 12, 1893; Judith Caroline, born February 21, 1847, died May 22, 1865. Rodney A., born February 15, 1840, married May 31, 1884, Nellie G. Briggs. The mother died at the home of her son Lyman, December 18, 1888, aged eighty-four years. Mr. Gunn's parents were attendants of the Methodist church.

Lyman O. Gunn was educated in the district schools, and remained at home assisting his father upon the farm until reaching the age of twenty-one, when he went to Auburn, Kan., and engaged in the occupation of making brooms, manufacturing the first broom ever made by machinery in that State. After remaining there two years he returned East and spent some time in Vermont, partly in the employ of the Fairbanks Scale Company, also following the carpenter's trade. In 1862 Mr. Gunn enlisted in Company G, Sixteenth Vermont Regiment, for nine months' service in the Civil War. He took part in the battle of Gettysburg, and was subsequently confined in the hospital from the effects of exposure and forced marches. Returning to the Green Mountain State and receiving his discharge from the army at the end of his term of enlistment, he purchased a farm and for four years successfully engaged in agriculture. Selling that farm, he removed to Montague and purchased another, upon which he resided for the next ten years. Finally disposing of the latter property, he came in 1879 to his present farm, consisting of one hundred and seventy-seven acres of well-improved land, which is devoted to dairying and general farming.

On January 2, 1866, Mr. Gunn was married to Miss Mary A. Nims, daughter of William Nims. Mrs. Gunn's paternal grandfather,

Jonathan Nims, born on May 12, 1763, was a farmer in Heath. He reared a family of eight children, all of whom have passed away. William Nims learned the trade of a cloth-dresser, which he followed for some time, later returning to the farm, where he died in early manhood, at the age of thirty-eight years. His wife was Phila Gunn, daughter of an elder Asahel Gunn, a brother of Abel Gunn, Jr. Hence Mr. and Mrs. Lyman O. Gunn have the same ancestor, Abel Gunn, Sr. The other children of Mrs. Gunn's parents were: Hopkins W., who died young; William Rodney, who was born in 1830, and died in 1854; Reuben; and Phila A., who was born in February, 1834, and died in 1853.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman O. Gunn have had one child, named Carrie May, who died young. Their two adopted children are: Effie, who married H. C. Hood, inspector at Northampton, having two children — Ailene and Dora, the latter now deceased; and George, a mechanic, residing at Northampton. Mr. Gunn is a Republican in politics, and has very acceptably filled the offices of Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and Selectman for two years, and is also a member of the School Board. He has been a Trustee of the Franklin Fair Association for some years, and was made a Mason at St. Johnsbury, Vt., in 1863, being at the present time a member of the Blue Lodge there. He is also a member of General Sedgwick Post, No. 17, Grand Army of the Republic. He attends the Congregational church, of which Mrs. Gunn is a member.

JOHN B. PACKARD, President of the Conway Savings Bank, also of the Conway Creamery Company, and a highly respected and prosperous agriculturist of Conway, Franklin County, Mass., was born on the

old Packard homestead in this town, son of Bradley and Mary (Webster) Packard.

His grandfather, Joseph Packard, who was a successful farmer, died in Conway when but forty-seven years of age, leaving seven children: John, Alvah, Timothy, Bradley, Joseph, Sally, and Polly. Bradley Packard, who was born in Conway, grew to manhood and became, like his father, a cultivator of the soil. He first engaged in farming in the east part of the town, but afterward sold that farm and removed to the place near the centre of the town now owned by his son, John B. Packard. He here spent the remainder of his life, dying at seventy-three years of age. In political affiliation Bradley Packard was a Republican. His wife, Mary Webster Packard, who was born and reared in Goshen, Hampshire County, Mass., was a daughter of Robert and Rebecca Webster. She died at forty-eight years of age, having borne her husband four children: Francis S., John B., Elvira E., and Azel A. Both parents were consistent members of the Congregational church.

John B. Packard lived with his parents until their death, after which he purchased the interests of the other heirs and thus became the owner of the farm, which now contains four hundred acres. He is here profitably engaged in general farming, making a specialty of dairying and also devoting considerable attention to sheep-raising, his present flock numbering one hundred and seventeen.

At twenty-six years of age Mr. Packard was united in marriage with Miss Seviah E. Foote, who was a native of Williamsburg, Mass., and a daughter of Emerson Foote. Her father later on removed to Conway, where she received her education. She died at thirty-nine years of age; and Mr. Packard afterward married his present wife, who was Mrs. Augusta M. Newton, a daughter of Josiah Taft. She was born

in Heath, Mass., but soon after went with her parents to Greenfield, Mass. By her first marriage Mrs. Packard has one daughter, Harriet Newton, now the wife of J. F. Parker, who is engaged in farming with Mr. Packard. Mr. and Mrs. Parker have a son and daughter, John H. and Myrtle May Parker.

Politically, Mr. Packard is a staunch Republican. In 1889 he represented his district in the State legislature, and he has also served acceptably as Overseer of the Poor. He is President of the Conway Savings Bank and a Director of the Conway National Bank, in both of which he serves as a member of the Investment Committee. He is an influential member of the County Harvest Club, and President of the Conway Creamery Company, and a stockholder in the Conway Electric Street Car Company. Mr. Packard and his wife are both active and influential members of the Congregational church.

WILLIAM WELLS was for many years associated with the highest and best interests of the town of Shelburne, and as a progressive citizen, one of its prominent agriculturists and the worthy descendant of one of its earliest pioneers, is deserving of honorable mention in this volume. He was born April 22, 1838, on the homestead where his widow now resides; and this was likewise the birthplace of his father, David Wells, who was born December 18, 1797.

The latter was a grandson of Colonel David Wells, who was born in Colchester, Conn., September 20, 1723, and came to this town in 1772 with his family, settling on the estate which has since been in the possession of the family. Colonel Wells, it is supposed, was a soldier in the French and Indian War, and was

likewise a hero of the Revolution, commanding a regiment at several of the famous battles, and being present in an official capacity at the surrender of General Burgoyne. He attained a venerable age, dying on the homestead which he had cleared from the wilderness, January 10, 1814. His wife, Mary Taintor, whom he married January 19, 1749, was also a native of Colchester, born November 6, 1727, a descendant of Charles Taintor. Colonel Wells was the son of Noah and Sarah (Wyatt) Wells, of Colchester, who were married on April 15, 1714.

Captain William Wells, son of Colonel David and grandfather of him of whom we write, was born July 27, 1767, in Colchester, being a little lad of five years when he came with his parents to Shelburne. The log cabin in which he was reared to manhood was superseded by the present residence previous to 1794, this having been built by Colonel Wells. Captain Wells succeeded to the ownership of the four-hundred-acre farm of his parents, and here spent his whole life, dying July 11, 1848. He was for sixteen years chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and was a member of the State legislature for thirty sessions. On December 8, 1794, he was united in marriage with Prudence May, who was born in Haddam, Conn., September 14, 1768, daughter of the Rev. Eleazer May; and she survived her husband, dying May 6, 1862. They reared nine children, David being the second son.

David Wells was a farmer by occupation, living on the homestead property which his ancestors had cleared and improved, and was a useful and influential citizen, being chairman of the Board of Selectmen for many years, besides holding other important offices. In politics David Wells was formerly a Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party became one of its most zealous adherents. He

was a man of progressive ideas and high moral principles, and both he and his wife were identified with the Unitarian church. He attained a ripe old age, dying January 19, 1891. His wife was Helena F. Thwing, a daughter of Amariah Thwing, of Conway, where she was born July 28, 1805. She passed to the higher life August 12, 1879. They were the parents of five children, of whom the two living are: Emily, born April 18, 1836, the wife of S. B. Smith, of Greenfield; and Frances Cornelia, born February 27, 1849, residing on the old home farm. The eldest, Mrs. Ellen W. Stebbins, born September 7, 1833, died December 9, 1874; Catherine, born November 4, 1843, died May 25, 1853; and William, to whom we now return, died March 4, 1883.

William Wells was reared on the homestead, and, after completing his elementary education in the public schools of this locality, further pursued his studies at Powers Institute in Bernardston and at the Deerfield Academy. Turning his attention to agriculture in all of its branches, he remained an inmate of the paternal household until September 9, 1862, when he enlisted in the service of his country as a member of Company A, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. He was made Corporal of the company, which was under the command of Captain Long, and was at the front in many of the important engagements of the war, and while stationed in Louisiana was appointed head jailer, having control of the prisoners confined in the State House. At the expiration of his term of service he was honorably discharged, in 1863, and again resumed his chosen occupation, managing the large property until his decease, carrying on general farming after the most approved modern ways. In politics he was an adherent of the Republican party; socially, he

was a member of Greenfield Lodge, A. F. & A. M.; and in religion he and his wife recognized and accepted the principles and doctrines set forth by the leading lights of the Unitarian denomination.

William Wells and Mary E. Ballou were married on December 20, 1865. Mrs. Wells was born April 1, 1843, at Halifax, Vt., daughter of Perley and Lovina (Hayden) Ballou, both natives of that place. Her father was born in 1805, and her mother in 1810. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wells, namely: Ellen Sophia, October 4, 1866, now the wife of Albion Hitchcock, of Holyoke, Mass.; Mary P., November 18, 1874, and Alice M., August 4, 1878, both living with their mother. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Wells, who is an intelligent, energetic, and practical woman, has successfully superintended the management of the large estate, which contains four hundred and thirty-two and two-thirds acres of land, a portion of which is located in the town of Greenfield, although the larger part is within the limits of Shelburne. Fifteen acres are devoted to the raising of choice fruits, the orchards containing large numbers of apple, peach, pear, and cherry trees, besides the smaller fruits. She has also a large dairy, consisting of twenty-five cows, mostly Durhams, besides other stock.

FREDERICK G. WOODARD, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Erving, where he is engaged as a sash and door manufacturer, was born in this town, August 30, 1840, son of Seth H. and Catherine (Stone) Woodard. His paternal grandfather, John Woodard, was a native of that part of old Reading, Mass., which is now included in Wakefield; and he there followed the vocation of a farmer, pursuing the same occu-

pation later in Westminster, Mass. He died in the latter place when but forty-six years of age.

Seth H. Woodard was one of six children and the third in order of birth. He was but seven years old at the time of the death of his father, John, and was obliged to work toward his own support at an early age. His youth was spent on a farm; but he afterward learned the stone cutter's trade, and quarried and hewed the stone for the bridges on the Vermont & Massachusetts Railroad. The declining years of his toilsome life were passed on the farm of his son, Frederick G. Woodard. He died at the age of seventy-four. His wife, Catherine Stone, was one of six children of Eliab and Dolly (Armstrong) Stone, the former a farmer of Wendell, where she was born and where her parents spent their lives. Mrs. Catherine S. Woodard bore her husband three children, although but one grew to manhood, Frederick G., at whose home the mother died at the age of sixty-six.

Frederick G. Woodard was educated in the district school, the high school of Orange, and the academy at Brattleboro, Vt. His life has been spent in Erving; and here as a young man he was engaged in mechanical work, having been first employed in his present shop about thirty-five years ago, after which he worked for a time in the match-shop. When he left the latter place, in company with Samuel Hanson, he purchased an interest in his present plant, formerly known as the Washburn & Eddy Sash and Door Company. In 1864 he married Mary R. Batchelder, of Northfield, Mass. Their union has been blessed by the birth of two sons and a daughter: Fred B., who married Annie Oliver, and is an electrician in Plattsburg, N.Y.; LeRoy O., who was educated in the district school and at Powers Institute, Bernardston; and

Florence M., who is now in the high school at Orange. Mrs. Woodard was one of six children, of whom five are still living. She was born at McIndoos' Falls, N.H., her father then being there engaged in farming, although he died later in Plainfield, Vt.

Mr. Woodard is a supporter of Republican principles. He has served as Selectman one year, Overseer of the Poor and Assessor, also as a member of the School Committee, and for seven or eight years has held the office of Town Treasurer. Socially, he is a member of the A. F. & A. M. of Orange and the order of the Eastern Star, an auxiliary of the Masons. In religious views Mr. Woodard is liberal. He and his wife are attendants of the Congregational church.

DANIEL W. SPEAR, a retired farmer, one of the oldest native-born citizens of Greenfield, is a man of good business capacity, public-spirited and liberal, and in all respects a valued member of society. He was born in 1816, being a son of Benjamin Spear, who was born in Massachusetts, probably in Roxbury.

The father married Bethiah Guillow, a daughter of David Guillow, of either Gill or Bernardston, and settled on a farm about a mile from the village of Greenfield, toward the north. Having a large family of children, they were obliged to toil early and late and practise the utmost frugality in rearing them. They were sincere Christians, belonging to the Baptist church. They had five sons and five daughters; and, with the exception of one daughter, all grew to adult life. The living are as follows: Daniel W., named at the beginning of this sketch; Benjamin, a retired railroad conductor of Springfield, Mass.; Lewis, a painter, whose home is at Flint,

Mich.; Julia, widow of Lester Smith, of Greenfield; and Jane, wife of Martin Jones. One daughter died in infancy, another daughter and a son died in early childhood. Samuel, who was one of the early gold seekers, going with his brother Benjamin to California via the Isthmus, where they were delayed forty days, died in 1877; and Elizabeth, who married Ansel Bullard, of Rowe, Mass., departed this life in 1892, leaving four sons.

The life of Daniel W. Spear furnishes a forcible illustration of the success to be attained by persevering industry and a resolute determination to secure the best possible good of one's labor. He began his career at the foot of the ladder, being a barefoot boy of eight years when he went from home to look out for himself; and in the next dozen years he was an inmate of three different families, for whom he labored with fidelity. At the age of twenty, being of a domestic nature, he established a home of his own, marrying on November 26, 1836, Elizabeth N. Potter, a daughter of Oliver Potter. Mrs. Spear departed this life June 19, 1881. She was a member of the Second Advent church. She bore eight children, of whom but one, Howard W. Spear, of this city, is now living. He is married and has three living children, two sons and a daughter; and these are the only lineal descendants of our subject. Daniel Spear, his first-born son, died April 24, 1872, aged thirty-five years, leaving a widow, but no children; Elizabeth died in infancy, June 8, 1841; Russell died when six years old; Elmer R., a promising young man of twenty years, died of consumption in 1875.

Mr. Spear has always been an indefatigable worker, and by his own unaided efforts has accumulated a fine property, having never been given a dollar or even a dime. He made his first start as a real estate dealer by dividing

his three acres of land into quarter-acre lots, which he disposed of at sums ranging from four hundred to one thousand five hundred dollars a lot; and he now owns some fifty lots besides his valuable farm. He resides at 36 High Street, having built his house nearly forty years ago, when there was no other dwelling between his and Main Street. He gave a portion of the land for Union Street, and graded the street, which was accepted by the city. He is a man of earnest convictions and fearless in expressing them. For the past fifty years he has been an attendant of the church of the Second Advent.

DENNIS WILSON, whose portrait accompanies this outline sketch of an industrious and useful career, is a prosperous farmer in Colerain, where he is the owner of a large landed estate. He was born in this town, March 16, 1818, son of David, Jr., and Betsey (Holland) Wilson, the former a native of Colerain, the latter of Shelburne. His paternal grandfather, David Wilson, Sr., who was born October 15, 1747, settled on what is now Wilson Hill, and, as the population increased and the town grew, took an active part in public affairs, serving as Selectman and filling minor offices. In religion a Congregationalist, in politics he was a zealous Whig; and he fought in defence of his country's rights in the Revolutionary war. Grandfather Wilson lived to be nearly ninety years of age. He was twice married, his first wife, Margaret Thompson, who was born June 24, 1750, becoming Mrs. Wilson on December 22, 1772. They had eight children, as follows: Joseph, born October 3, 1773, died young; James, born January 14, 1776, died young; David, born March 11, 1778, an account of whom is given below; Rachel,

born April 3, 1780, died young; Margaret, born July 26, 1782; Robert, born May 29, 1785; John, born August 15, 1787; and Jennie, born August 5, 1789. Mr. Wilson's second wife was Mary Richey, born November 25, 1752, and married June 21, 1795. She had one son, Joseph, born July 13, 1797.

David Wilson, Jr., spent his life wholly in Colerain. He was a mechanic, but, living in a farming district, devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, working early and late, as a farmer must who wishes to succeed. At the time of his death the farm upon which he resided was quite extensive, and he owned land in other parts of the town. Politically, he was a Republican; and his religious belief was circumscribed by no fixed creed. He died at the home farm in 1851, at the age of seventy-three. His wife, Betsey (Holland) Wilson, passed to the better life on January 3, 1867, being then eighty-three. They had nine children, seven of whom lived to adult age; namely, Rachel, Margaret, Milo, Sophronia, Oliver H., David, and Dennis. Rachel was the only one who died unmarried.

Dennis Wilson is the sole survivor of his father's children. He has always lived within sight of the place of his birth, and in boyhood attended the district schools, as his father before him had done. On attaining manhood's estate he put his hand to the plough, furrowing the same fields that had yielded their harvest to his father's labor. A man of considerable natural mechanical skill, he has added to and improved upon the house built by his father until it is one of the best in Colerain. As a farmer he has been a very hard-working man, attending carefully to his dairying, fruit-growing, and general farming, and adding to the old farm until now it covers three hundred and thirty-five acres. In politics Mr. Wilson is a Republican. He has been Selectman sev-



DENNIS WILSON.

eral terms and Assessor, and has held other offices in the town. In religion he holds to reason, not authority.

On October 19, 1841, he was married to Sarah, daughter of Captain Samuel and Nancy (Newell) Wilson, who was born July 10, 1820, in Colerain, near the Shelburne line. Her paternal grandfather, Jonathan Wilson, one of the first settlers in Colerain, was born in Ireland. Her father was a well-to-do farmer in Colerain, and was a Captain in the State militia. Both father and mother are deceased. They had eight children, two of whom are now living — Mrs. Wilson and her brother Charles, a farmer in Shelburne. Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Wilson have lost two children and have two living: Charles, born April 3, 1843, died August 25, 1848; and Julia, born May 12, 1845, died August 15, 1848. Harriet, born November 20, 1847, is the wife of J. W. Peck, of Scranton, Pa.; and Ellen E., born July 26, 1851, is the wife of Chester W. Smith, who lives with Mr. Wilson and has charge of the farm.

Chester W. Smith was born March 30, 1848, in Williamsburg, Hampshire County, son of George W. and Philena (Wrisley) Smith, the former a native of Deerfield, born in 1818, the latter a native of Conway. George W. Smith was a man of many resources, being a blacksmith, butcher, and farmer. He lived in Williamsburg and in Colerain, and died at Little Falls, N.Y., in 1890; his wife passed away in 1866. Chester W. Smith has worked at several kinds of business, but for the past twenty-five years has followed agriculture. He has charge of Mr. Wilson's farm, which is the largest in town, and carries on the work with good judgment and practical skill. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had eight children, and have six living. Walter D., born October 9, 1871, died June 3,

1872; and Royden C., born April 1, 1889, died March 1, 1890. The living children are: Willie W., born April 18, 1874; Sadie P., born October 11, 1875; Clifton N., born September 27, 1877; Gertrude M., born September 30, 1881; Grace A., born November 17, 1884; and Gladys E., born September 13, 1891. Mr. Smith votes the Republican ticket, and he and his wife hold liberal views on the subject of religion.

FREDERIC A. BALL, President of the Shelburne Falls Savings Bank and supply agent of the Lamson & Goodnow Cutlery Company, was born in Princeton, Mass., April 1, 1828, son of Amos and Betsey (Stratton) Ball, and grandson of Aaron and Rachel (Cheever) Ball. Aaron Ball was a native of Boylston, Mass., and settled in Princeton, where he purchased a farm, Rachel Cheever Ball being the first white person born in Princeton. In politics Aaron Ball was a Whig. He died at the age of eighty-four, his wife living to be one year older. Amos Ball, son of Aaron, was born in Princeton, and there received his education. He learned the trade of shoemaking, but, being accustomed to farm life, preferred the pursuit of agriculture, and purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres of land for a homestead. In politics Amos Ball, like his father, was a Whig. His wife was a consistent member of the Congregational church. He passed away at the age of seventy-five. Amos and Betsey Stratton Ball were the parents of ten children: Charles, Martha, William F., Frederic A., Emeline, Calvin, Martin, Frances L., Mary E., and Martin V.

Frederic A. Ball was educated at the district school in Princeton and at Williston Academy. Later in his youth he learned the

shoemaker's trade, never, however, making much practical use of his knowledge in that direction. After some experience in teaching he came to Shelburne Falls in December, 1848, and was engaged as clerk in the store of Lamson & Goodnow for one year. Acting for a while as assistant book-keeper, he was soon given full charge of the books, and in 1852 he became cashier. In 1866 he was made treasurer and accountant of the branch stores in Vermont, New York, and Chicago, a position which he held nineteen years. At the end of that period he resigned, and since then has had charge of the buying of stock and supplies for the Lamson & Goodnow Company, being a director since 1874 and corporation clerk from 1874 to the present time. This business was established in 1842 by N. and E. G. Lamson, and, A. F. Goodnow joining in 1844, the firm name became Lamson, Goodnow & Co. They manufacture cutlery of all kinds and handle tons of the finest steel, with large quantities of brass, ebony, ivory, rosewood, and cocoawood. Mr. Ball has the management of all these supplies, and in part charge of the building, which covers nearly seven acres, and in which two hundred and thirty men are employed. The firm has a capital of three hundred and eighty-one thousand five hundred dollars.

On March 22, 1852, Mr. Ball was united in marriage with Lucretia, daughter of Selah and Hannah (Putnam) Severance, and four children have blessed the union, namely: Charles H., who married Vienna Rankin and lives at Shelburne Falls, being shipping clerk for Lamson & Goodnow; Willie F., who died in childhood; Carrie E., wife of H. A. Olendorf, who lives in Taunton, Mass., and has one child, Ruth E.; Wilfred S., who married Cora E. Crittenden, is cashier for Lamson & Goodnow, and has three children—Stanley C., Esther L., and Dorothy M.

In politics Mr. Ball is a Republican. He has been President and Trustee of the Shelburne Falls Savings Bank since October, 1866, President of the Cemetery Association twenty years, and Clerk and Treasurer of the same several years. He is also Past Grand of Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He holds the confidence and respect of all with whom he is associated, and positions of trust are naturally accorded him and filled by him with judgment and integrity. Mr. Ball and his wife are members of the Baptist church, where he is at present clerk of the church and superintendent of the Sunday-school. Their handsome residence, on the corner of Bridge and Severance Streets, is one of the finest in Shelburne Falls.

DEACON J. MASON ARMSTRONG, a highly esteemed resident of Sunderland, where he follows the trade of a carpenter, was born in Wendell, November 21, 1833, son of Martin and Mary (Bent) Armstrong. Deacon Armstrong's grandfather, Timothy Armstrong, was a native of Wendell, and there occupied himself with agricultural pursuits during the entire period of his active life. He was a prominent man in the community, and reached the extreme age of ninety-six years. Martin Armstrong, son of Timothy, was reared to farm work, but in early manhood learned the trade of carpenter and wheelwright, which he adopted as an occupation and followed many years in his native town. At the age of sixty he moved to Montague, where he continued active until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-one years old. His first wife, the mother of J. Mason Armstrong, was a daughter of Joel Bent, a farmer of Wendell. She became the mother of six children, three sons and three daughters,

among whom may be named: Timothy M.; J. Mason; and Celinda, widow of Richard Dudley. The mother died in Wendell at the age of forty-two years; and Martin Armstrong wedded for his second wife Almira French, by whom he had two children, William R. and Lucy A.

J. Mason Armstrong received his education in the district schools of his native town, and at the age of twenty-one years went to Amherst to work by the month. He visited the Western States, and, after remaining there for a time, returned to Wendell, where he was married and then moved to Amherst. A year later he came to Sunderland, and in August, 1862, enlisted as a private in the Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteers, in which he served nine months. After his discharge he came to Sunderland, where he has since followed the carpenter's trade with successful results, having been closely identified with the building interests of the town.

In 1859 Deacon Armstrong was united in marriage to Helen Leach, daughter of Elisha W. and Laura B. (Beaman) Leach, who were early settlers of Wendell. She became the mother of seven children, as follows: Edwin M., who died aged eleven years; Minnie H., a graduate of the Northfield Seminary, now a successful teacher in a graded school at Williamstown, Vt.; Ella, who died at the age of four years; Agnes M., also a graduate of Northfield Seminary, and now a student at Smith College, Northampton; Herbert J., a student in the Massachusetts State Agricultural College at Amherst; Harry E., a graduate of the high school; and Lewis M.

Deacon Armstrong was formerly a Republican in politics, but recently has voted with the Prohibition party. He has served as Town Treasurer fifteen years, has been a Selectman and member of the School Committee three

years, Collector about twelve years, and has acted for many years as Constable. He has been a Deacon of the Congregational church for twenty-two years. Mrs. Armstrong and her three eldest children are also members of the Congregational church. She is a member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Ladies' Dorcas Society, a missionary association.

GEORGE W. HALLIGAN, President of the Board of Trade of Shelburne Falls, was born in this town, August 19, 1861, son of Joseph and Ellen (Tordoff) Halligan, and grandson of James S. and Hannah (Austin) Neil-Halligan. His great-grandfather, Joseph Halligan, a native of England and long a resident in that country, was a man of liberal education, having been trained to the law, but followed teaching for a livelihood. His children, when they grew up, emigrated to this country; and after the death of his wife he also came to America, settling in Greenfield, Mass., where he taught evening school. At the age of sixty-four he was as active as a boy, and, when running upstairs one evening for some books, dropped dead from heart disease. His three children were named, respectively, Mary, James S., and Joseph. Mary is still living, a resident of California.

James S. Halligan passed his early life in England, after his marriage keeping a market in Leeds. In 1844, with his wife and children, he came to America and went to work in a woollen-mill in Pennsylvania. In 1852 he removed to Shelburne Falls, where he found employment in the cutlery works and was soon given charge of a department. In 1875 he retired from active business. He was an enterprising and successful man, and owned the handsome residence with fine grounds at the corner of Summer and Conway Streets,

besides the three adjoining houses. He died in 1884. His wife, who was a daughter of John and Ann Austin, of Leeds, England, passed away in 1882, at the age of seventy-five.

In politics Mr. James S. Halligan was a Republican, and for several years was Justice of the Peace and Quorum, besides filling minor offices. A public-spirited man, he took a deep interest in the welfare of the town. He and his wife attended the Baptist church. The children were as follows: Thomas Neil, of Greenfield, a son by Mrs. Halligan's first marriage, who served in the Civil War, a member of Company A, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and who died August 11, 1895, leaving a wife and two children—Walter E. and Fannie E. Gaines; William, who also served in the war, a member of the same regiment, Company E, afterward married Mary Kellett, and now lives in Connecticut; Maria, who became the wife of Fred Tanner, of Heath, Mass.; Joseph, father of George W.; James, who married Flora Strong and lives in Shelburne Falls, and who was in Company K, Sixtieth Massachusetts Regiment, during the late war; Hannah, wife of John Rowland, of Shelburne Falls; John A., who married Hattie Allard, of Shelburne Falls, and also has a war record, having served both in Company E, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and in the Sixtieth Regiment; Sarah, who resides at the old homestead; and Martha, who died at the age of four years.

Joseph Halligan, son of James S., was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, May 4, 1837, and came to this country with his parents. For some time he was employed in the cutlery works, and became so proficient at his trade that he was made overseer of a department. Carefully husbanding his earnings, he was enabled to retire from active work in 1883. From that year until the time of his death,

which occurred in 1890, he was a silent partner in the grocery business conducted by his son, George W. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion he followed the teachings of the Baptist church. His first wife, Mrs. Ellen T. Halligan, died in 1883, at the age of forty, leaving two children, Ernest and George W.; and he subsequently married her sister, Sarah Tordoff, by whom he had one son, Earl, who died at the age of about two years and six months.

George W. Halligan, whose name appears at the head of this sketch, received a good education, attending the Shelburne Falls High School, and was later graduated from Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was employed as a clerk in Amstein's store in Shelburne Falls for over two years, and later found employment with Swan & Vincent as book-keeper. He purchased an interest in the business of the latter firm; and in 1883, in company with his father, he bought the entire business. The enterprise has prospered in his hands, and his stock of groceries and crockery is one of the finest and most complete in this vicinity. On May 18, 1887, Mr. Halligan was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Cowen, of Ashfield, daughter of B. Cowen, a well-known citizen of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Halligan have two children, Burdett J. and Mervil G. Mr. Halligan is a staunch Republican, and has always taken an active interest in the welfare of the town. For three years he has been President of the Board of Trade. He is also prominent in social matters, being Worshipful Master of Mountain Lodge of A. F. & A. M. In 1893 he and his brother Ernest bought a corner lot on Bridge Street and erected two dwelling-houses, one of which he now occupies with his family, his brother Ernest and their step-mother, Mrs. Sarah Halligan, residing in the

other. Both Mr. and Mrs. George W. Haligan are members of the Baptist church, in which he is an official.

CHARLES M. HEMENWAY, an intelligent and successful young farmer of North Leverett, was born upon the estate he now owns and occupies, March 23, 1860. His father, Elihu Hemenway, was born at New Salem, December 28, 1818, and his paternal grandfather, also named Elihu, was a native of Holliston, Mass., and was son of Josiah Hemenway. Grandfather Elihu Hemenway moved to a farm at Bushy Mountain with his parents when he was eighteen; and there his father, Josiah, died in 1808, at the age of seventy-four years. Elihu Hemenway, the first of the name, was one of a family of sixteen children. He was a blacksmith by trade and followed that occupation for many years, finally relinquishing it for agriculture, which he successfully pursued during the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-five years. His wife, Bethiah Thayer, was a daughter of Deacon Thayer, of Milford, Mass. They were married on August 8, 1781, and became the parents of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity.

Elihu Hemenway, the younger, son of Elihu and Bethiah, has resided at his present home since he was two years old. In his boyhood he was diligently trained to farm life; and he also acquired the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some time, eventually succeeding to the possession of the family homestead. He has now retired from active labor, having reached the age of seventy-six years. He is a life member of the Home Mission Society, and also of the Massachusetts State Convention. He married for his first wife Sophia Ripley, daughter of Nathan Ripley, of Mon-

tague; and the two children of this union and their mother are now deceased. His second wife, whom he married on June 8, 1857, was Hepsibeth M. Loring, daughter of Abel Loring, of Petersham. She was the mother of two children: Charles M., first mentioned above; and Herbert L., who is a resident of Providence, R.I., where he is manager of the branch office of Norcross Brothers contractors and builders. The mother passed onward to her rest in 1882, at the age of fifty-seven years, having been a member of the Baptist church.

Charles M. Hemenway in his boyhood attended the schools of his native town, and, after completing his studies at Powers Institute in Bernardston, resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one years. After his marriage he resided with his wife's family, eventually returning to assist his father in carrying on the farm, which consisted of about sixty acres. He assumed charge of the property in 1891, his youthful energy giving new life to the old homestead.

In 1881 Mr. Hemenway was united in marriage to his first wife, whose maiden name was Susan E. Dickinson, and who was a daughter of Ely Dickinson, a prosperous farmer of Leverett. After having become the mother of one child, Lillian S., Mrs. Susan E. Hemenway died suddenly at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. Hemenway wedded for his second wife Miss Nellie Pierce, daughter of Sanford Pierce, a resident of Leverett; and this union has been blessed with two daughters, Ruby M. and Pluma. In politics Mr. Hemenway has of late supported the People's party in national issues. He is a member of the School Board of the town, a Justice of the Peace, and a member of the Montague Grange, of which he is Master. He is also a member of the local lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars.

ISAAC W. STETSON, a prominent farmer in Heath, was born in Colerain, February 8, 1839, son of Thomas and Mary D. (McClellan) Stetson. His paternal grandfather, Benjamin F. Stetson, was born in Rhode Island and settled in Leyden, Mass., in the latter part of last century. He married Susan Church, a native of Rhode Island, and their son Thomas was born in Leyden in 1799. Thomas Stetson was a skilful mechanic and also a competent farmer. He bought a farm in Colerain and established a good home for his family, passing away at the age of fifty-six. In politics he was a Whig. His wife, who was a daughter of Robert and Sarah (Duncan) McClellan, lived to be ninety-one. Mr. and Mrs. Stetson were members of the Congregational church, and reared their children in that faith. These children were: Mary M., who married Ruel Donaldson; Sarah C., wife of Ruel Cobb; Robert M., who married Sarah E. Barber; Melinda M. and Orinda A., twins, the former the wife of Horace Todd, the latter the wife of Chauncey Lincoln; Jane M., wife of Franklin Legate; George D., who married Mary Burrington; Elizabeth T., wife of Hiram Young; and Isaac W., whose life story in brief is given below.

Isaac W. Stetson attended school at Colerain and up to the time of his marriage helped about the farm, when he rented the Azel Hawkes farm in Heath. This property comprises one hundred and twenty acres of fine farming land, and Mr. Stetson made such good use of his means and opportunities that in a few years he was able to buy the estate. He is now the owner of some of the best farming and grazing land in the vicinity, and has made several profitable investments, buying land which he put into good condition and sold at a fair margin. He has about thirty cows, a fine flock of sheep, oxen, and good horses, and

considerable young stock. The house in which he lives, which was built by Reuben Porter about 1805, has been remodelled and improved by Mr. Stetson and is a comfortable and handsome home. He has built a barn forty by seventy feet with modern conveniences, and all together his property is one of the best-fitted and most completely stocked farms in Heath.

Mr. Stetson's wife is a native of West Dover, Vt.; and her name before marriage was Melissa Worden. She is a daughter of Rufus and Susan (Powers) Worden, and grand-daughter of Asa and Louisa (Hale) Worden. Grandfather Worden was born in Stonington, Conn., and early in life settled in Marlboro, Vt., there carrying on several kinds of business, working at shoemaking, blacksmithing, and farming, and operating a saw-mill. He owned some two hundred acres of land and lived to be eighty-eight years old. In politics he was a Whig, and he belonged to the Universalist church. He reared ten children.

Rufus Worden, father of Mrs. Stetson, was born in Marlboro, Vt. His first venture in real estate was the purchase of a farm of one hundred acres in West Dover, upon which he lived for some time; but he finally returned to Marlboro and bought the saw-mills, carrying on an extensive and lucrative lumber business. He was a Whig in politics, and was a public-spirited and popular man, hale and hearty up to the time of his death, which occurred in his eighty-sixth year. Mrs. Worden died at the age of sixty-three. They were members of the Universalist church, and carefully reared a family of eight children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stetson have been blessed with nine children, as follows: Della M., born January 13, 1864, wife of Fred E. Gleeson, a prosperous farmer of Heath, and mother of two children; Henry E., born September



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14, 1866, interested in his father's farm, married to Cora L. Jeffords, and father of one child; Justus W., born October 24, 1868, a well-to-do miller in Heath, married to Alta B. Sumner; a son born June 28, 1870, who died in infancy; Minnie L., born September 9, 1871, who died August 1, 1873; Effie, born June 25, 1874, wife of Arthur C. Baker, of Erving; Frank E., born February 2, 1876, living with his parents; Lilly L., born April 14, 1878, who died June 26, 1880; and an infant, born August 15, 1880, deceased. In politics Mr. Stetson is a Republican, and he has held office in the town at different times, serving as Selectman and Assessor for several terms. He and his wife attend the Congregational church.

CALVIN BRYANT, an eminently useful and highly esteemed citizen of Franklin County, Massachusetts, is an important member of the agricultural community of Ashfield, owning and managing the fine farm on which his birth occurred, and where he has since made his home and engaged in the work of life. Mr. Bryant is the descendant of one of the earliest pioneers of the town, his grandfather, Lieutenant Zebulon Briant, as the surname was then spelled, having settled here in 1763.

Zebulon Briant was born April 16, 1741, in Bridgewater, Mass., and there lived until attaining his majority. Thinking that far more rapid strides in the accumulation of property could be made in a new country, he then boldly pushed his way on foot from his ancestral home to Ashfield. He selected seventy acres that are now included in the Bryant farm named above; and, while clearing a space on which he might erect the customary log house for his bride, he boarded with Aaron Fuller, the only settler in the vicinity. In

1767 he returned to Plymouth County, and on September 18 was united in marriage with Mary Connent, who was born in Bridgewater, February 17, 1740. They began their married life in the log cabin, and by diligent and persevering toil improved a good homestead. For many years they lived on the productions of their own land or the game to be found in the woods, and the energetic wife clothed her household in garments of her own manufacture, carding, spinning, and weaving the material therefor. Grandfather Bryant was a staunch patriot, and during the time of the Revolution bravely served as Lieutenant of a company. He died at his home in Ashfield at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. To him and his wife eight children were born, as follows: Ruth, July 2, 1768; Naomi, March 31, 1770; Nathan, February 27, 1772; Lemuel, March 21, 1773; Lydia, May 10, 1776; William, October 7, 1778; Nabby, April 21, 1780; Lucy, August 7, 1782.

William Bryant, the third son, was born in the primitive log cabin of his parents, and received a limited education, trudging a long distance through the woods to the school-house in his efforts to acquire a knowledge of the three R's. He remained with his parents, assisting in the management of the home farm, which after their death became his. He was very successful as a farmer, making substantial improvements on the homestead, building a new house and barns, and purchasing more land till he was the owner of a fine estate. When a young man he married Hannah Hammond, who died in early life, leaving him with four small children: Betsey, born July 6, 1806; Lemuel, born March 20, 1809; Mary, born April 27, 1811; and Nabby, born June 10, 1813. His second wife, mother of Mr. Calvin Bryant, was Sarah Maynard, who was born May 5, 1790, daughter of Calvin and

Anna (Moulton) Maynard, and the descendant of Simon Maynard, who is thought by some to have come over in the "Mayflower," but whose name is not given in the list of passengers in the first voyage. Savage mentions a Simon Maynard, of Marlboro, born in 1668, grandson of John, of Sudbury. Mrs. Sarah M. Bryant was a woman of noble Christian character, kind and benevolent, and a devoted mother to her children, who were nine in number, the following being their names and the dates on which they were born: Hannah, November 16, 1816; Nathan, December 20, 1819; William, December 27, 1821; Charles and Chauncey, twins, September 28, 1823; Asa and Albert, twins, November 25, 1826; Henry, June 30, 1829; and Calvin, March 22, 1833.

Calvin Bryant was a studious and industrious lad, and, always remaining at home, early became familiar with farming pursuits. When fourteen years of age he had the misfortune to lose his father; and thenceforth a good deal of care was laid upon his shoulders, his mother depending in a great measure upon him, her youngest, for help. He continued the improvements already begun, added more land to the estate, being now the owner of one hundred and seventy-five choice acres, and on this he carries on his chosen occupation after the most approved modern methods, being a scientific and practical agriculturist. He has enlarged the house and barns, which in point of equipments rank among the best in the locality. He is specially interested in his dairy, keeping a choice lot of Jerseys, besides two valuable cows that are descended from cattle raised on this farm in 1828. During the summer season Mr. Bryant entertains guests from the city, having his house, which readily accommodates thirty persons, filled with boarders, all of whom speak in the most commendatory terms of his hospitality and kindness.

The marriage of Mr. Bryant and Miss Lucy Ballard Rogers was celebrated October 8, 1862. Mrs. Bryant is a native of Ashfield, born June 22, 1844, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Cranston) Rogers. Her paternal grandparents were Moses and Mehitabel (Sears) Rogers, the former of whom was killed, when young, in a saw-mill, leaving four small children: Elmira, Elias, Ahira, and Polly. Elias Rogers was born August 9, 1805, in Hawley, where his parents were pioneer settlers. Having grown to manhood, he settled on a farm in Ashfield, where he and his wife both lived under their own roof until death called them to their eternal home, he dying in the eightieth year of his age and she when one year older. He was a Whig in politics, and both he and Mrs. Rogers were esteemed members of the Orthodox church. They were the parents of seven children, as follows: Charles, born September 4, 1832; Ebenezer, born September 7, 1834; Abigail and Nathan, who died in infancy; Ellen; Lucy B., wife of Mr. Bryant; and Moses S., born January 15, 1850.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant have but one child, George N., who was born August 21, 1875, and resides at home. Mr. Bryant is an active and capable business man, possessing excellent judgment, and is amply endowed with sterling qualities which constitute him a good citizen and have secured for him the respect and regard of his fellow-men. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and has served ably in many official positions, having been Deputy Sheriff and the incumbent of several town offices, besides being Tax Collector for seventeen years. He is orthodox in religion, and is a valued member of the Congregational church. We are happy to present herewith a portrait of this worthy scion of good old New England stock.

CARLOS BATCHELDER, President of the Conway National Bank, also of the Conway Electric Street Railway Company, and a public-spirited and highly respected citizen of Conway, Franklin County, is a native of this place, being a son of Kimball and Armenia (Sterns) Batchelder.

His grandfather, Amos Batchelder, was born in Wenham, Mass. Having grown to manhood he removed to Francestown, N.H., settling there during the early history of the town, securing a tract of land on which he resided throughout the remainder of his life, successfully engaging in agricultural pursuits. His death occurred in his eightieth year. Amos Batchelder married Miss Huldah Kimball; and their union was blessed by the birth of five sons and two daughters, as follows: Amos, Hulda, Israel, Kimball, Levi, Perkins, and Roxanna. Both parents were members of the Congregational church, and Mr. Batchelder was a Whig in political affiliation.

Kimball Batchelder, the fourth child of Amos, as named above, was born in Francestown, N.H., and there resided until twenty-one years of age. The six years following were spent by him in the South, in the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee; and at the end of that time he returned to Massachusetts, finally settling in the town of Conway, where he purchased a farm, on which he passed the remainder of his life, engaged in farming. He died at seventy-nine years of age. His wife, Armena Sterns, who was born and reared in Conway, was a daughter of George Sterns. They reared five children, a son and four daughters: Mary; Carlos and Caroline, who are twins; Amelia; and Roxanna. The mother's death occurred at seventy-seven years of age. Both parents were members of the Congregational church, and the father was a supporter of Repub-

lican principles in politics. He was a member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

Carlos Batchelder, who was born and reared on the old homestead in Conway, lived with his parents and cared for them during their declining years. After their death he came into possession of the farm, which he still owns, although he afterward purchased a lot in the village of Conway, on which he erected his present residence. In 1884 Mr. Batchelder was elected President of the Conway National Bank, in which office he has since served very acceptably. He is also, as mentioned above, President of the local Electric Street Railway Company. In May, 1846, Mr. Batchelder was united in marriage with Miss Minerva A. Forbes, a native of Buckland, Mass., daughter of William and Eunice Forbes, of that place. Two children were born of this union, William K. and Frederick C. William K. married Miss Josephine Foot, daughter of Emerson Foot, and has seven children: Mabel L., Anna S., William F., Minnie A., Mary J., Carlos, and Emerson F. He resides on the old homestead and is successfully engaged in general farming. Frederick C. married Miss Mary Vining, daughter of Doctor David and Emily Vining, and has been engaged as the agent of the Consolidated Railroad at Conway station during the past fourteen years.

Mr. Batchelder is actively interested in political matters, especially in whatever concerns the welfare of his town; and among the offices of trust and responsibility which he has held are those of County Commissioner for fifteen years and Selectman for ten years. He represented his town in the State legislature of 1870, and voted on the motion, which was carried, to allow towns to return to the district school system, providing there was a two-thirds vote favoring such action.

LOUIS T. HAIGIS, a very capable young business man of Shelburne Falls, Franklin County, Mass., Secretary of the Board of Trade, was born in the neighboring town of Buckland, Mass., July 10, 1865, son of Louis and Emma (Calvert) Haigis, and grandson of John L. and Hannah M. (Gsell) Haigis. The latter were both natives of Würtemberg, Germany, where the grandfather successfully engaged in trade as a butcher. He died there at sixty-seven years of age, and his wife at seventy-one years. They reared eight children, three sons and five daughters: Barbara, Mary, Margaret, Christina, Louis, Jacob, Rose, and John G.

Louis Haigis was born in Würtemberg, Germany. In 1834 he came to America, taking passage to New York City, and thence wending his way, doubtless by stage, to Shelburne Falls, where he secured employment in the Lamson & Goodnow cutlery manufactory, and remained there for seventeen years as a mechanic. Mr. Haigis then opened a market on Bridge Street, Shelburne Falls, which he conducted for twenty-one years, and built up a first-class trade, handling only the best grades of meats and poultry. He was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His death occurred in 1891, at fifty-seven years of age. His wife, Emma Calvert Haigis, who was born in Leeds, England, was a daughter of Thomas Calvert, who emigrated from that place to America, first settling in Factory Hollow, Greenfield, and later in Shelburne Falls, where he secured a position in the cutlery manufactory. He died at Shelburne Falls. To Louis Haigis and his wife five children were born, namely: Rose, the wife of H. E. Woodward, who lives in Reading, Pa., and has two children—Harold and Mildred; Louis T.; Emma, George, and Grace, who reside at home with their mother. In politics

Louis Haigis was a Republican. Fraternally, he was a member of Mountain Lodge of A. F. & A. M., Alethian Lodge of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, D. O. H. Lodge, and also of Turnverein Lodge, all of Shelburne Falls. In religious views both parents were liberal. The mother now resides in the pleasant home erected by her husband on Bridge Street.

Louis T. Haigis, having received his early education in Buckland, pursued the higher branches of learning at Shelburne Falls Academy and at the Arms Academy. He then began to work for his father in the market, and continued there as an assistant until the father's death, at which time he took full charge of the business and has since conducted it for his mother. The market is in the Ott & Hosley Block at 15 Bridge Street, and continues to be well patronized, four men being constantly employed by Mr. Haigis in supplying the wants of his customers.

On October 11, 1891, Mr. Haigis was joined in marriage with Miss Altie R. Avery, daughter of John D. and Eliza (Waite) Avery. Their union has been brightened by the birth of one son, Carleton Haigis, who was born January 26, 1893. In political affiliation, like his father, Louis T. Haigis is a Republican. He is a member of Masseamet Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in which he is Vice-Chancellor, and is also a member of the Board of Trade, serving as Secretary of the latter. Mr. Haigis is liberal in religious views.

JUSTICE B. FROST, one of the most enterprising citizens of Shelburne Falls, a large grain dealer and a well-known livery man, was born in Buckland, Franklin County, December 28, 1821, son of Elmer and Mary (Brackett) Frost. His grand-

father, Joseph Frost, was born near Boston, but early in life settled as a farmer in Charle-
mont, there passing the rest of his days. He
died when about seventy-five years of age.
Joseph Frost was the father of seven children,
five boys and two girls.

His son Elmer was born in Charle-
mont. He learned the carpenter's trade, and, settling
in Buckland, there followed his chosen occupa-
tion thirty years. He then bought one hun-
dred acres of land, and erecting good farm
buildings devoted the rest of his life to general
farming. He died at the age of sixty-five.
Elmer Frost was a Democrat and prominent in
town affairs, serving as Selectman, Assessor,
and Overseer of the Poor. In religious belief
he was a Methodist. His wife, whose maiden
name was Mary Brackett, was the daughter of
Samuel and Betsey (Leonard) Brackett, na-
tives of Braintree, Mass., who settled in Buck-
land. Samuel Brackett owned a farm of two
hundred acres, and was known as a progres-
sive and thrifty farmer. He served in the
Revolutionary War, and late in life received
a pension for his services. In politics Samuel
Brackett was a Whig. He died at the age of
ninety, and his wife lived to be eighty-six.
They were members of the Congregational
church. Elmer and Mary (Brackett) Frost
were the parents of the following children:
Justice B., Mary A., Sarah, Amelia, and
Joseph.

Justice B. Frost attended select schools at
Buckland, and at the age of sixteen went to
work with his father at carpentry. He applied
himself diligently to his trade, was energetic
and skilful, and became well known as a car-
penter and builder. For several years he was
in partnership with Samuel Toby; and they
conducted a large business, employing twenty
men at a time. Many of the buildings in
Buckland and Shelburne Falls were erected by

Frost & Toby, notably the Congregational
church, which they built in 1852, the brick
school-house in Shelburne Falls, the school-
house in Buckland, and many of the business
blocks and handsome residences in Shelburne,
including the fine house in which Mr. Frost
and his family live. Mr. Frost has taken an
active part in enlarging and improving the vil-
lage, one of his most important achievements
being the introduction of the water from
Mountain Springs. In 1861 he retired from
the building business, and, purchasing a farm
and saw-mill in Buckland, carried on general
farming and lumbering for ten years. Re-
turning to the Falls, he built the saw-mill and
grist-mill for Lamson & Goodnow, and, in
company with A. W. Ward, took charge of the
mills, conducting the business until 1875,
when Mr. D. C. Bartlett bought Mr. Ward's
interest; and this firm continued until 1895.
Establishing an office in the basement of the
Stone Hotel, of which building he is part
owner, Mr. Frost went into business as a
wholesale and retail dealer in flour and feed.
In addition to this he has conducted a livery
twenty-five years, and owns thirty fine road-
sters and some of the best turn-outs in this part
of the county. He also owns and carries on
two large farms, one being the Wilcox farm of
two hundred acres in Shelburne, which is well
fitted with new buildings, erected by Mr.
Frost. He has here a dairy of fifteen cows,
with other stock and three good horses. His
other farm, which is in Conway, is principally
pasture land.

In 1846 Mr. Frost was united in marriage
to Eveline, daughter of Lyman and Myra
Wood; and the following children have blessed
their union: Ida, who passed away at the age
of eighteen; Ernest C., who married Bertha
Winterhulder and has one daughter, Dorothy.
Ernest is with his father as a clerk. Mr.

Frost is a member of the Republican party, and is one of the leading men in town affairs, having served as Selectman, Assessor, and Collector. On religious subjects his views are liberal.

FRANKLIN L. WATERS, one of the most respected and progressive citizens of Orange, now retired from active business, was for many years among the foremost merchants of the town. He is a native of the Empire State, having been born at Champlain, Clinton County, June 14, 1829, at the home of his parents, John and Olive (Richardson) Waters. His great-grandfather, John Waters, Sr., who was born and bred in England, was a seafaring man, and the first of his family to come to America, Providence, R.I., being his abiding-place during his remaining years. He married Hannah Newman; and the only child of their union was a son, who bore his father's name.

John Waters, Jr., was born at Providence, R.I., August 20, 1777, and lived there until fifteen years old, when he removed to Deerfield, Mass., in this county. Here he engaged in farming, and in 1798 married Huldah Robbins, who was born in Deerfield in 1772, daughter of John and Hannah Robbins. A few years later he and his wife with their two elder children, John and Asa, moved to Clinton County, New York, performing the weary journey with an ox team and sled. The two younger children, Levi R. and Huldah, were born in New York. He bought a partly improved farm of eighty acres, on which he lived for a short time, and then sold it and purchased a tract of wild land of the same extent. His first labor was to make an opening in which he could erect the customary log house to shelter himself and family, not only from the wind and weather, but from the wild beasts

that infested the forest. Here the energetic pioneer cleared and improved a fine homestead, and in the course of a few years a substantial frame house and a commodious barn had taken the place of the primitive log buildings which had answered his purpose at first. While attending to his own interests he was not unmindful of the welfare of his adopted town, but assisted in its development and advancement, filling various offices with fidelity. He had also a good record as a loyal and patriotic citizen, having served with honor in the War of 1812. He was broad-minded and charitable and a firm believer in the Universalist doctrines, while his good wife was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

John Waters, the third of the name, was born in Deerfield, in February, 1800, and was but four years old when his parents removed to Champlain, Clinton County, N.Y., which was thence afterward his home. He became a practical and progressive farmer, and, having succeeded to the ownership of the old home farm, added many and valuable improvements, rendering it one of the best and most desirable estates in the locality. His first wife, whose maiden name was Olive Richardson, died at the age of forty-one years, leaving the following children: Elvira D., the widow of James Pitts, of Clinton, Mass.; Franklin L.; Elvira A., deceased; Pliny F., who married Mariette Vantyne, and now lives in Ohio; Byron, deceased; Hannah J., the wife of H. G. R. Waters; and Sarah, the wife of T. Douglas. The father subsequently married Sarah Robbins, who passed away at the age of sixty years, leaving one child, William J. Waters, a resident of Oregon.

Franklin L. Waters received a practical education in the public schools, and began his business career in Massachusetts at the age of

eighteen years, being employed for about a year and a half in turning pails at the factory of Reuben Harris in Winchendon, Mass. He was very energetic and capable, possessing excellent judgment, and won the confidence of Baxter D. Whitney, an enterprising manufacturer, to such an extent that he was engaged by him to go to Canada to establish a pail manufactory. He remained in the employment of Mr. Whitney for several years, establishing factories for him in various localities. After that he was for a brief period a resident of Royalston, Worcester County, whence he came to Orange, where he was employed at mechanical labor for some time. Mr. Waters subsequently worked several years as a millwright for Rodney Hunt; but at length, finding that labor too arduous, he formed a partnership with T. E. Bridge, and they carried on a general mercantile business until 1863, when on account of failing health Mr. Waters sold out his interest in the business. Outdoor exercise being deemed advisable, he then accepted the position of travelling agent for D. E. Cheney, and for three years was busily engaged in settling bounty land claims for the War of 1812. His health being greatly improved, he started anew in general merchandising in Orange, following the business for about two years, when he sold out and again engaged with Mr. Cheney for three years, when he formed a partnership with Mr. C. I. Kellogg and once more entered mercantile life. About two years later he retired permanently from active business. At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Waters was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. French, the daughter of Adams and Rhoda B. (Chaney) French. Mr. French was born in Vermont in 1802, but spent the greater part of his life in Orange, following his trade of a shoemaker. He was a thoughtful, strong-minded man, a

Democrat in politics, and a Universalist in religion. He and his wife, who is now living, making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Waters, had six children, as follows: Albert and Amos, who died when young; Adams, who married Abigail E. Kellogg; Mary A. (Mrs. Waters); Lysander, who married Julia A. Hunt; and Moses C., who married Miss Kate Bishop. But two children have been born to Mr. Franklin L. Waters and his wife; and of these Byron died very young, and Herbert P., born May 1, 1871, is a mechanic, living in Orange, where he married Miss Ada Morrell. Mr. and Mrs. Waters reside at 8 Mechanic Street, in the beautiful and commodious house which he erected in 1871.

A man of fine character and high standing in the community where he is best known, Mr. Waters is a stanch member of the Republican party and takes a warm interest in all that concerns the public welfare. He has served his constituents in various offices, having been Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Assessor six years; he was elected to the same offices the seventh year, but resigned his position. During the years of 1887 and 1888 he represented his district in the State legislature, and is at present filling his third term as County Commissioner. Socially, he is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to the Crescent Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, and to the Orange Commandery. Both he and his wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star Lodge, and are active workers therein. Mr. Waters was a charter member of the Orange Savings Bank and is at present Vice-President of the same, also one of the Trustees and a member of the finance committee. He was one of the Water Commissioners at the organization of the water-works, of which he was one of the chief promoters and chairman of the board.

JOEL B. PAGE, son of Elijah and Keziah F. (Bardwell) Page, is a successful agriculturist and dairyman and a highly respected citizen of Conway, Franklin County, Mass. He lives on the ancestral homestead, his birthplace, whose original owner was his great-grandfather, Theophilus Page, who was one of the early settlers of the town of Conway, the land being a part of the additional territory granted to Deerfield in answer to the petition of the Rev. John Williams nearly two hundred years ago, the Massachusetts Colony at the time of the advent of the pioneers in these parts being under the dominion of King George II.

Theophilus Page here successfully engaged in agriculture. His death occurred in his seventy-fifth year. His son, Levi Page, was born on the Conway homestead; and, as soon as he was old enough, he began to help in the arduous labors of frontier farming. After his father's death Levi purchased the farm, which he continued to carry on with profit during the remainder of his life, dying at seventy years of age. His wife, Patty Gould Page, who was born in Russell, Mass., lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years. They reared two sons and two daughters, namely: Nancy; Levi; Elijah; and Martha, who resides in New York State. Levi Page, Sr., was a loyal supporter of the Whig party, and he and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

Elijah Page, second son of Levi, was born in the year 1823, and received his education in the district schools of Conway and the Deerfield Academy. He followed with success throughout his life the hereditary occupation of farming, and died in 1890, May 4, at sixty-seven years of age. His portrait herewith presented will be recognized with pleasure by many friends. His wife, Keziah F. Bardwell Page, who was reared in the town of

Shelburne, was a daughter of Joel Bardwell. She is still living and apparently enjoys good health, being a regular attendant of the Congregational church, of which she is a member. Their union was blessed by the birth of four children: Joel B.; Alice G., who married E. B. Vining and now lives in Chicago, Ill.; Lyman R., who died aged about two years; and Mattie, who died at twenty-six years of age. Mr. Elijah Page was a Republican in politics; and he was an active and valued member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, in which he served acceptably in many of the offices. He was an attendant of the Congregational church.

Joel B. Page grew to manhood in his native town and assisted in carrying on the home farm until his father's death, when he purchased the interests of the other heirs and became the owner. He is successfully engaged in general farming, making a specialty of dairying, also of the raising of thoroughbred stock. Mr. Page has been twice married. His first wife, Mary E. Hubbard, who became Mrs. Page in 1874, died at the early age of thirty-two years. His present wife, formerly Miss Clara A. Bradford, is a daughter of Lewis Bradford, who is a prosperous farmer of Williamsburg, Mass. She was born in Vermont; but her parents afterward removed to Massachusetts, where she received her education and grew to womanhood. Their union has been brightened by the birth of one son, Robert B. Page.

Mr. Page is a stanch Republican, and takes a keen interest in town affairs. That his townsmen are not unmindful of his sterling character is evinced by the offices of trust to which he has been elected, he having served as Selectman for two years and Assessor for five years. He is a member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society.



ELIJAH PAGE.

CLARK SLATE, a retired resident of Shelburne Falls, was born in Deerfield, October 26, 1814, son of Jonathan and Nancy (Jones) Slate. Mr. Slate's paternal grandfather, Timothy Slate, was a native of Bernardston, Mass., and became a well-to-do farmer as well as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War, was a Whig in politics and a Universalist in his religious views. Timothy Slate and his wife, each of whom possessed a strong constitution, lived to reach an advanced age. Their children were: Obed, Timothy, Jonathan, and Mehitabel.

Jonathan Slate was born in Bernardston, Mass. He settled in Deerfield, and there followed farming for a short time, but later purchased a farm of one hundred acres situated in the town of Shelburne, and which is now owned by E. Ballou. He became a prosperous farmer, and died in Shelburne, aged seventy-four. He was a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. His wife, who lived to the age of eighty-two, became the mother of ten children: Horace; Nancy; Jane; Cynthia; Martha; Lucinda; Clara; Delia; George; and Clark, the special subject of this biographical notice.

Clark Slate was educated in the schools of Shelburne Falls, and resided with his parents until reaching the age of twenty-one. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and purchased the old homestead, which he conducted in connection with an express and teaming business upon a route embracing the towns of Greenfield, Shelburne, Charlemont, Hawley, Ashfield, Conway, and Buckland. He at length purchased one hundred and seventy-five acres of land which adjoined his farm, and engaged extensively in the dairy business, keeping as many as fifty cows at a time, and also dealt

largely in sheep. Finally disposing of his farm property, he conducted a livery business in Shelburne Falls for a brief period, and then established himself in the marble and granite business, in which he was very successful, retiring therefrom in 1884. He bought the property situated at the corner of Church and Mechanic Streets, and also owns three tenement-houses in the immediate vicinity, which he rents. Although he has nearly completed his eighty-first year, he is still strong and active. As a citizen he is accorded the respect due to his venerable age and his many years of useful activity.

In 1837 Mr. Slate married his first wife, Melinda Sweet, who was a daughter of Henry Sweet. Mrs. Melinda S. Slate died at the age of seventy-three years, having been the mother of five children, as follows: Charles E., who married Fidelia Fisk and resides in Greenfield, having two children; Elizabeth, who died at the age of forty-two; Julia, who died aged sixteen months; Ida, who married Henry Patterson and resides in New York City; and Ella, who died at the age of four years. In 1888 Mr. Slate married his present wife, Mrs. Lois Allen, daughter of Sylvanus Peterson. Mr. Slate is a Republican in politics and a Baptist in his religious views. Mrs. Slate is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

AMOS BLODGETT, an enterprising resident of Orange, Mass., his native town, has been prominently identified with the business development of the place and its higher interests since old enough to realize the importance of good citizenship. He was born March 12, 1832, a son of Nelson and Betsey (King) Blodgett, both natives of Franklin County, the father having been born in 1804, in New Salem. Nelson Blodgett was

a farmer by occupation, and pursued that peaceful work during his long and busy life of seventy-eight years. His wife preceded him to the brighter land, dying in the prime of womanhood, having scarcely reached the forty-seventh milestone of life. They were the parents of seven children: Emeline, Amos, Marble, Carrie, Mary A., Alfreda, and William.

The subject of this sketch received a fair common-school education and at an early age began to be self-supporting, working at anything he could find to do, being largely confined to farm labor. He subsequently learned to operate a saw-mill, and in 1864 formed a partnership with the late Rodney Hunt, with whom for some ten years he carried on an extensive lumbering business, buying large tracts of timber, which they cut and prepared for market, selling the lumber at good rates. In 1874 Mr. Blodgett sold out and established a contract business, doing masoning, stone work, sewerage, and moving buildings. He built up a very profitable business, employing many men and many teams therein. In his capacity of stone-mason he built the foundation for nearly all the large machine-shops of this locality and for many of the other prominent buildings of the place, continuing that kind of work until 1892. Since then he has devoted his time to lighter work, being largely interested in real estate. At the south end of the village Mr. Blodgett bought one hundred and fifty acres of land, which he laid out into village lots, making streets and walks, and has there built and sold some dwelling-houses. He likewise owns several tenement-houses, the rent of which brings him a certain annual income. He holds the office of inspector of cattle and superintendent of the village sewers.

Mr. Blodgett has been twice married. His first wife, formerly Susan Merriam, was a

daughter of Rufus and Polly (Thompson) Merriam, her father being a well-to-do farmer. She died at the age of sixty years, leaving no issue. Mr. Blodgett subsequently married Mrs. E. M. Horton, widow of the late James A. Horton, who was a jeweller by occupation. Mr. Horton died November 24, 1882, aged fifty-three years, leaving three children, namely: Nellie M., who married W. C. Blakely, of Orange, and has one child, Helen; Arthur L.; and Belle B. Horton. Mrs. Blodgett is a daughter of the late Josiah and Martha (Joslin) Bacon. She has one brother, George O. Bacon. Their father was a prosperous farmer. In politics he is a most decided Republican. Both he and his wife are valued and consistent members of the Congregational church; and he was largely instrumental in the building of the new house of worship, giving generously of his time and money, and being the chairman of the building committee.

DAVID W. TEMPLE, an extensive dealer in marble and granite in Shelburne and a leading man in the town government, was born in Heath, December 24, 1854, son of David and Caroline (Christie) Temple, and grandson of Nathaniel and Polly (Stone) Temple. His great-grandfather, Solomon Temple, was one of the early settlers in Heath, buying there one hundred and thirty acres of land, which he cleared and transformed into a good homestead, building a comfortable house and large barns. Nathaniel Temple, son of Solomon, was a well-to-do farmer. He bought the estate now known as the Gleason home, and there in 1820 built a house which is still standing. He was a public-spirited and patriotic man, seeing active service in the War of 1812, and taking a deep interest in the welfare of his town,

though he refused to accept an official position. He and his wife lived to an advanced age, regularly attending Sabbath worship at the Congregational church. They had eight children, four boys and four girls.

Their son David was born in Heath, April 1, 1809. In boyhood he entered upon the labors of farm life, and, after attaining his majority, purchased the J. Chapin farm, an estate of one hundred and eighty-six acres, building a good house and barn and prospering as the years went on. In politics he was a Democrat and very active in town affairs. He was elected to the Board of Selectmen in 1829, and held the office thirteen years, also filling minor offices; and he was often called upon to settle estates. Mr. David Temple was a man of strong constitution and lived to be eighty-three years old. He was twice married, his first wife, Martha Christie, passing away at the age of thirty-one, leaving three children: Martha J., Hiram, and William. His second wife, Caroline Christie, was the mother of David W. and John C. Temple.

David W. Temple attended the district school, making the most of his opportunities, and at the age of twenty-one engaged as a salesman for White & Haven, marble dealers in Rutland, Vt. He was employed in selling marble and granite eight years, spending three years with White & Haven and five years with Everson & Co. in Rutland. He then went into business at Shelburne Falls with his brother, John C. Temple, buying out Russell & Ritchie, marble and granite dealers; and under the management of the Temple brothers the business has prospered to such an extent that they are now the largest dealers in this part of New England, having branch stores in Greenfield and Pittsfield, Mass., and Rutland, Vt., John C. conducting business in the latter place. The firm has an average output of two

thousand pieces a year, and employs ninety-five men — cutters, finishers, clerks, bookkeepers, and travelling men. They have cut and set some fine and costly work, including the soldiers' monuments at Warren, Mass., and at Huntington, and the handsome monuments of Mr. Woods at Granville, N. Y., Wells brothers at Greenfield, Percy Clement at Rutland, Vt., Newell Snow in Shelburne Falls, and many others. They have a reputation for first-class work and honest dealing with their patrons, which in itself is an exhaustless capital.

In 1874 Mr. Temple was united in marriage with Mary I. Warner, daughter of Newton Warner, of whom an extended notice will be found under the name of Henry M. Warner, of Charlemont, on a neighboring page. Mr. and Mrs. Temple have welcomed to their home three children: Ruth, born September 19, 1883; Wayne N., born August 8, 1888; and Robert D., born August 3, 1890.

In politics Mr. Temple is a Democrat and a leading man in town affairs. He is chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and for the past nine years has been Assessor and Poor Master. He is also active in fraternal associations, being a member of the Knights of Pythias and of Rutland Lodge, No. 79, A. F. & A. M. (Vermont), and Past Grand of Alethian Lodge, No. 128, Shelburne Falls. On religious matters his views are liberal. He has a fine residence on Main Street, Shelburne Falls, surrounded by beautiful grounds, and is actively interested in the improvement of the village.

THOMAS R. SHEARER, of Shelburne, is a very industrious and successful farmer, who was born in this town June 24, 1838. He is a son of Wallace L. and Jane (Handy) Shearer, natives of Colerain, his father having been born July 17, 1806, and his

mother on September 17, 1808. His grandfather, Thomas Shearer, was born at Palmer, Mass., in 1749, and his grandmother Shearer, whose maiden name was Annie Workman, was born at Colerain about the year 1752.

Mr. Shearer's great-grandfather, James Shearer, who was of Scotch ancestry, was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, born in 1678. He was the progenitor of the family in America and settled in Union, Conn., about the year 1720, moving from there to Palmer, Mass., then called the Elbows, in 1726. He was an industrious farmer, successful in his day. He died at his home in Palmer in 1745, aged about sixty-seven years. He had three sons: John; James, Jr.; and William. James Shearer, Jr., and his wife Jane reared a family of ten children: John, Joseph, William, Thomas, David, Jonathan, Noah, Daniel, Jane, and Betsey. Thomas, the fourth son, previous to his marriage settled upon a tract of wild land in the south-eastern part of Colerain, which he purchased of a Mr. Wilcox, of Belchertown. After erecting a temporary habitation of logs, he proceeded to clear a farm from the almost trackless wilderness, which abounded in game and was infested with hostile Indians, a constant terror to the early settlers, who were often obliged to leave everything and flee to Fort Lucas, two miles away, for protection, sometimes carrying with them the half-baked bread from the old Dutch ovens, in order to save it, cereals being scarce at that time.

In spite of the many drawbacks, Thomas Shearer by his industry accumulated a very comfortable competency, at the time of his decease, which occurred in 1819, being the owner of a very large and valuable tract of land. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and was a Democrat in politics. He and his wife, who was a daughter of John

Workman, attended the Congregational church. Her father came from the old country when a small boy, grew to manhood in Deerfield, and became a pioneer hotel-keeper in the eastern part of Colerain. His decease occurred in that town at a good old age. His wife also lived to be well advanced in years. The family of Thomas Shearer consisted of eight children, all of whom have passed away, namely: James, who married Ann Caldwell; Jennie and Betsey, both single women; Thomas, who married Margaret Miller; Philena, who became the wife of John Baldwin; Clark D., who married Lucy Smith; Philander, whose wife was Julia Warren; and Wallace L., who married Jane Handy, as above indicated.

Wallace L. Shearer was educated in the district schools of Colerain and settled upon a portion of the old homestead which he inherited, becoming a very prosperous farmer and a well-known man in the community. His wife, whom he married on August 31, 1837, was born at Colerain, September 17, 1808, daughter of Charles and Mary (McCrillis) Handy, her father having settled in that town as early as the year 1785 and followed agriculture as an occupation until his decease, at the age of seventy-two years, in 1842. Her mother, who was a member of the Congregational church, lived to the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Handy was a Whig in politics and a Congregationalist in his religion. Their ten children, of whom Mr. Shearer's mother is the only survivor, were as follows: John, Achsah, Charles, Polly, Roswell, Silas, William, Elizabeth, Levi, and Jane. Wallace Shearer died July 10, 1882; and his wife, who survived him, still resides at the homestead with her son, Thomas R. She was the mother of four children, namely: Thomas R.; Mary, who was born November 12, 1845, and is now the wife of Samuel Johnson, of Cole-

rain; Charles A., who died February 26, 1887; and Annie E., who died March 22, 1875.

Thomas R. Shearer resided with his parents until reaching manhood and received a good education in the common schools. During the Civil War he furnished large quantities of meat to the government, buying as many as four hundred head of cattle per month for a period of one year and supplying the Connecticut troops with beef through the contractor, W. F. Rockwell, in lots as high as one hundred and twenty-four head at a time. Mr. Shearer has a fine farm, consisting of one hundred and ninety-five acres, increased from his original purchase of twenty acres; and he is still actively engaged in general farming, having been very successful both as a farmer and as a dealer in meat and produce, which he has sent to Boston and New York markets.

On February 22, 1894, he married Miss Annie Carpenter, who was born in Leyden in 1860, daughter of Joseph O. Carpenter, a sketch of whose career appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer have one son, named Charles Raymond. Mr. Shearer is a Republican in politics, having been quite active in public affairs; and both he and his wife are liberal in their religious views.

His cousin, Earl Shearer, who was born June 14, 1840, served as Selectman in Colerain for a period of fifteen years, and represented his district in the legislature during the session of 1885. He married Harriet S. Donnelson, of Colerain, and died February 17, 1892, leaving a widow and two children, Elizabeth and Alfred, now residing at Shirley, Mass.

 SCAR A. SUMNER, an extensive farmer in North Heath, was born in the house where he now lives on July 1, 1846, son of Levi, Jr., and Deborah (Waste)

Sumner. His grandfather also was named Levi, and was a farmer who had a large property in Vermont. Levi Sumner, Jr., was born in Jacksonville, Vt.; and there his youth was passed, attending school in his boyhood and working at farming as soon as he was able. When about twenty-four years of age he bought a farm in Stamford, Vt., on which he spent three years, subsequently purchasing the one on which his son Oscar resides in Heath, which was called the Enoch Harris place and covers one hundred acres. He made many extensive improvements, built a new house and barn, and

"There, marking, o'er his farm's expanding ring,
New fleeces whiten, and new crops upspring,".

gathered the harvests of many years, passing from the scene of his earthly toils on March 15, 1871, at the age of sixty-eight. In politics Mr. Sumner was a Democrat, and in religion he held liberal views. His wife was eighty years old when she laid down the burdens of life. They had nine children, five girls and four boys.

Oscar A. Sumner received his early education in the schools of Heath. He came into possession of the farm at his father's death, and cared for his mother in her declining years. In 1888 he bought one hundred and eighty-seven acres in Whitingham, Vt., and now runs the two farms, dealing largely in stock, horses and sheep more especially, and receiving quite an income from his dairy of choice Durhams. He is a progressive man, keeping well up with the times, and is considered one of the best farmers in the town of Heath.

On January 1, 1872, Mr. Sumner was united in marriage to Miss Kate Kinsman, daughter of Bliss and Betsey (Temple) Kinsman. The first of Mrs. Sumner's family in this country

was Robert Kinsman, a native of England, who settled in Ipswich, Mass., in 1635, and married, it is said, a daughter of Thomas Boreman. Samuel Kinsman, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Sumner, was a resident of Southboro and later of Heath. Her father, Bliss Kinsman, was born in Heath, on the homestead of his father, May 1, 1804. In his youth he was engaged in teaming, travelling between here and Boston, and later was engaged in the manufacture of bricks, besides cultivating a farm, upon which he built a brick house for a family residence. He was an enterprising and successful man, a Republican in politics, and a member of the Baptist church. He married Betsey, daughter of Nathaniel and Polly (Stone) Temple, who was born October 3, 1830, and is still living, bright and active at sixty-five years of age. Seven children were the fruit of this union, Mrs. Sumner being the youngest.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner have three children, namely: Alta B., born July 15, 1874, wife of Justice W. Stetson, a young and popular miller in Heath; Arthur O., born May 9, 1875; and Austin E., born August 22, 1882.

Oscar A. Sumner is a stanch Democrat, prominent in town affairs, and has served with credit in various capacities, holding the office of Assessor several times. On the subject of religion he is liberal in his views and tolerant of the opinions of others.

WILLIAM H. BURRINGTON, a progressive farmer in Heath, Franklin County, Mass., was born in this town on May 14, 1842, son of John and Susan (Canedy) Burrington. His paternal great-grandfather was born in Rhode Island and settled early in Colerain, where, prospering as a farmer, he became a large land-owner.

His son William, the first of the name here to be considered, bought a tract of wild land in Colerain, which he cleared and converted into a comfortable homestead, he, too, prospering in worldly affairs and becoming a prominent man in the town. He was a stanch Whig, and fought in the Revolutionary War, serving the town also as Selectman and in other capacities. In religion he followed the teachings of the Baptist church. He married Mary Burrington, who, though bearing the same name, was not, so far as known, in any way related to him. They reared four children: Robert, Caroline, Lucinda, and John.

The latter, already named as the father of our subject, was born in Colerain, October 26, 1810, and while yet a boy went to work in the stone quarry in Quincy, Norfolk County, near Boston, saving his earnings until he had accumulated two hundred dollars. With that sum he made a payment on two hundred acres of land in the northern part of Heath, incurring a debt of two thousand six hundred dollars for the balance. By carefully husbanding what he received from the dairy products, the crops, and the live stock of his farm, in ten years he was able to pay off every cent; and he sold this farm and purchased the Asa Kendrick estate, which covers one hundred and fifty acres. There he made some radical changes, erecting new buildings and remodeling old ones. His undertakings prospered to such an extent that when his children became of age he gave to each one one thousand dollars. In politics a Whig, he served the town as Selectman for several terms; and he was very active in religious work. He died at the age of seventy-six. On December 2, 1835, he married Susan, daughter of John and Susan (Stowe) Canedy, who was born May 31, 1818. John Canedy, who was a native of Colerain, was a well-to-do farmer. He died at the age



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of fifty and his wife lived to be seventy-five. They reared eight children, four boys and four girls. Mrs. Burrington is still living, residing with her son and enjoying the sunset of a well-spent life. She retains her faculties and has a remarkable memory. Her children are as follows: Susan J., wife of E. P. Thompson; William H.; A. John; and Horace W.

William H. Burrington attended both public and private schools, and at the age of twenty-two started to earn a livelihood, tilling the Fred Ward farm, which his father bought and gave to him. This farm covers one hundred and seventeen acres, and for three years he cultivated the soil with fair success. He then sold the estate, buying another near by, which hardly met his needs; and finally he purchased the homestead where he lives to-day, his property, which includes the first farm he cultivated, now covering four hundred acres. He has made some improvements on the old place, building in 1894 a barn forty-two by seventy-two feet and a wagon-house. He has a choice dairy of thirty cows, a large flock of sheep, young cattle, and some fine horses. He owns the largest tract of cultivated land in the town, very little of his property being timber land, and is the highest tax-payer in Heath. His agricultural work is conducted on scientific principles, and the results speak for themselves.

On December 6, 1870, Mr. Burrington was married to Elizabeth, daughter of Jonas and Angeline (Clapp) Ballard, and grand-daughter of Captain William and Elizabeth (Whitney) Ballard. Her father, Grandfather Ballard, was born in Lancaster, Mass. In early manhood he bought a farm of one hundred and fifteen acres on the river in Charlemont and built a brick house for a family residence, making the bricks himself. This farm is now owned and occupied by Charles H. Ballard, a

grandson. In politics William Ballard was a Whig. He was Captain in the State militia and was a member of the Congregational church. Jonas Ballard, his son, was born in Charlemont, and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, developing the homestead farm, to which he added one hundred and twenty acres. A stanch Republican and a member of the Congregational church, his long life of ninety years was a useful and upright one. His wife passed away at the age of seventy.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrington have three children: Mary C., born September 1, 1874; Frank D., born May 13, 1876; and Charles B., born March 31, 1881. Mr. Burrington has served the town as Selectman. He and his wife are active members of the Union church. Mr. Burrington comes of good Colonial stock, being a descendant of early immigrants and grandson of a Revolutionary patriot. His portrait on an adjoining page enhances the interest and value of this brief personal and family record.

CALVIN K. CHILDS, a successful agriculturist and well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Conway, Mass., was born in Ashfield, an adjoining town, also in Franklin County, July 31, 1847, son of Dennis and Clarissa (Keyes) Childs, and grandson of Reuben Childs and of the Rev. Calvin Keyes.

Dennis Childs was a native of Conway, but in early manhood he removed to Ashfield; and there he successfully conducted a general store. He afterward sold his business and returned to Conway, where for a few years he engaged in the manufacture of canes; but he subsequently purchased the farm now occupied by Calvin K. Childs, and spent the remainder of his active life in its cultivation. He died at seventy-five years of age. His wife, Clarissa

Keyes Childs, who lived to the age of eighty-three, was born in Lancaster, Mass., June 22, 1808, daughter of the Rev. Calvin and Reliance (Tolman) Keyes, the former of whom was a well-known Baptist minister. The parents of Mrs. Childs were married on February 22, 1785, and their union was blessed by the birth of twelve children, as follows: Clarissa, Calvin, Luther, Reliance, Lydia, Phila, Luther (second), Rhoda, Joel, Nancy, Mary, and Elmira. Mrs. Childs and her husband reared two sons and two daughters: Mary L., Dennis G., Calvin K., and Mattie W.

Instead of forsaking the paternal roof as soon as he was old enough to begin the work of life, Calvin K. Childs remained at home with his parents, whom he faithfully cared for in their old age. The homestead when he inherited it contained twenty acres; but he has since added to it so that he now has two hundred and sixty acres of good farming land, his farm being, it is said, one of the best in this vicinity. He also built a cattle and hay barn and improved the place in other respects. He makes a specialty of raising full-blooded Jersey cattle, and has taken premiums at many of the fairs and cattle shows where he has exhibited his stock. At the present time he has twenty fine Jerseys and makes a large amount of choice butter, for which he finds a ready sale at good prices in the private families of the surrounding villages.

Mr. Childs was married in 1873 to Miss Elizabeth Akers, who was born and reared in England. Mrs. Childs died on February 14, 1890, leaving four children, two sons and two daughters: Mattie W., Sarah J., Dennis H., and Raymond R.

Mr. Childs is widely known, being a member of many of the agricultural societies of the State. In politics he is a supporter of Republican principles. His pleasant home is located

on a hill in the north-eastern part of the town of Conway, a short drive from the Conway Electric Railway; and near his residence are two beautiful groves, one of maple and the other of white birch, in the former of which picnics are frequently held.

WILLIAM LAFOREST POWERS has been intimately associated with the agricultural interests of New Salem during his years of activity, having been born December 25, 1826, on the homestead he now owns and occupies, and on which he has persistently toiled. He is a son of Chester and Sarah (Lamb) Powers, lifelong residents of this town, his father having been a well-to-do farmer. Something of the ancestral history of the Powers family of New Salem, as given in the Powers Genealogy, may be found in connection with the sketch of James L. Powers, on another page of this work.

At the district school in his boyhood William L. Powers received instruction in the common branches of learning, and on the home farm he was well drilled in practical agriculture. After his marriage he bought the paternal homestead of one hundred and twenty-five acres, and has since managed it successfully, having repaired and enlarged the original buildings, and also erected a cider-mill, in which he makes a superior quality of cider and vinegar, the amount turned out often being one thousand two hundred and thirty barrels a season. He has likewise bought and improved more land, one tract containing fifty acres and another thirty-five. Mr. Powers has always paid much attention to dairying, and has the reputation of making the finest quality of butter to be found in the county. Another profitable industry in which he has engaged has

been the making of maple sugar from the trees of his own grove; and in this, as well as in butter-making, he has won an enviable reputation. He is now taking life comparatively easy, enjoying the rest earned by long-continued labors, leaving much of the management of his affairs to his son.

Mr. Powers was united in marriage October 9, 1854, with Sarah E. Baker, who was born September 8, 1831, at Shutesbury, daughter of Jonathan S. and Louisa (Horr) Baker. Mr. Baker was born at Cumberland, R.I., June 23, 1803, and lived to the age of sixty-eight years. He was a member of the old Whig party, and a well-known and popular office-holder, being quite prominent in local affairs. He was an esteemed member of the Baptist church, in which he served as Deacon for many years. His wife died when fifty-eight years old. They had seven children; namely, John, Maria M., Sarah E., George H., Alexander H., Abby, and Carrie A. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Powers has been blessed by the birth of four sons, two of whom are now living: William H., born July 30, 1857, has special charge of the home farm, thereby relieving his father from all responsibility; Walter S., born October 23, 1860, married Cora Hobart, the daughter of a substantial farmer of Amherst, and they are the parents of two children—Grace I. and Edgar S. The third son, Wallace, born July 8, 1862, died at twenty-four years of age; and Edgar A., born April 23, 1869, died September 14, 1892.

In politics Mr. Powers is a steadfast Republican, and has performed his full share in promoting the welfare of the community in which he has lived so long. In various local offices he has served acceptably, having been at different times Selectman, Assessor, and Poor Master. In religion he accepts the teachings of liberal Christianity. Mr. and Mrs. Powers

are held in high esteem by a wide circle of acquaintances.

SAMUEL HASTINGS conducts the principal livery and express business in Warwick, and, as Town Clerk and Selectman, attends officially to a great deal of town business. He was born here on February 1, 1837, and is a son of Daniel Hastings, a native of Warwick, and grandson of Isaac Hastings, who passed most of his life in this town, following agriculture as a vocation, being well known in his day as an honest, industrious, and intelligent man.

Daniel Hastings was carefully trained to the various duties of a farmer, but, preferring a different occupation, acquired the trade of a cabinet-maker, which he continued to follow as a journeyman through the remainder of his life. He died at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, whose name before her marriage was Experience Leonard, was a daughter of Nathan Leonard, her father having been a prosperous farmer of the town of Warwick, where his parents were among the very earliest settlers. It is worthy of note that Nathan Leonard was the first child born in the town subsequent to its settlement. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hastings was blessed with two children, Nathan L. and Samuel. The mother passed from earth at the age of seventy-five years. She was a Unitarian and her husband a Universalist in religious belief.

Samuel Hastings received a good common-school education; and, after attaining his majority, he acquired the trade of shoemaking, which he followed for some time, being employed in different local establishments. He finally relinquished that occupation for the express business, and in 1874 established the stage line from Warwick to Orange, which he still continues to operate in connection with

the former, although that has largely increased. He later added to his other enterprises a finely equipped livery stable, which has also been exceedingly successful, being a highly appreciated accommodation to the travelling public. He was for a time interested in mercantile business, and held the appointment of Postmaster from 1888 to 1890, when he sold his store.

In politics Mr. Hastings is a Republican, and has long been prominently identified with the local government, having served as Town Clerk for nineteen years, or continuously since his election to that office in 1876, as a Selectman for ten years, and likewise both as Overseer of the Poor and Assessor. He has been twice called upon to represent this district in the State legislature, first in 1885, and secondly during the past session of 1895. But this honorable record does not fill the measure of his activities, as, in addition to the above, he was superintendent of the cemetery for several years, and has been sexton considerably over half a century.

In 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss Helen R. Witherell, daughter of Albert Witherell, a sketch of whose career will be found elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Hastings was born and educated at Mansfield and subsequently moved to this town. Mr. Hastings is a member of the Unitarian church, which Mrs. Hastings attends; and he is a trustee of the parish fund. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he has advanced as far as the Royal Arch degree. Mr. Nathan L. Hastings makes his home with his brother.

WILLIAM H. HEMENWAY, Town Clerk of Shutesbury, and one of the leading citizens, was born in this town December 28, 1846. He is the son of

Hardin and Mary (Henry) Hemenway, the former a native of Shutesbury, born March 11, 1811, the latter a native of Prescott, born August 5, 1814. His grandfather, Phineas Hemenway, who was a tanner by trade, was one of the early settlers of the town, there conducting a hotel and cultivating a farm. He was an industrious and capable man, and amassed a fair competency, at the same time working actively for the public weal, representing the district in the legislature, and serving as Town Treasurer and Selectman. His death occurred December 21, 1850, in his seventy-seventh year. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Beaman, died in her fifty-fifth year, March 24, 1836. They had three children—James P., Hardin, and Lydia—all of whom reared families. With work on earth completed, their mortal remains now rest in humanity's last abiding-place, God's-acre.

Hardin Hemenway spent the greater part of his life in Shutesbury. He was for some years engaged as a clerk in mercantile business in Pelham and Shutesbury, and in the latter town conducted a store of his own for twenty-five years, winning and keeping by honest dealing and courteous service a large and profitable trade. He was a good business man and commanded success in all his undertakings. In politics he was a Republican, and was elected by his party to the legislature, serving in 1847 and 1851. In town affairs he was also prominent, acting as Town Clerk eleven years and Justice of the Peace thirty-five years; and in educational matters he took an active interest, serving as Trustee of the New Salem Academy. Mr. Hemenway was liberal in religious views. He died April 26, 1886. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Henry, was the daughter of Samuel Henry, a native of Amherst, who was well

known in both New Salem and Prescott, being one of the early merchants in the latter town. A Democrat in politics, he was a leading man in his district, a member of the legislature during 1829-31, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention in 1853, and Town Clerk and Justice of the Peace for many years. On the subject of religion his views were liberal. Mr. Henry died April 24, 1862, at Shutesbury, whither he had moved in 1857. His wife, whose name before marriage was Cynthia Ingram, died April 7, 1860. Mrs. Mary H. Hemenway died August 31, 1848. She had but one child, the subject of this sketch.

William H. Hemenway grew to manhood in Shutesbury, receiving a fair education and graduating from the New Salem Academy. He entered the business world as clerk in his father's store, where he gained a good insight into the methods employed in trade and the relative values of mercantile commodities. At the present time he is the owner of considerable real estate, his homestead comprising forty-six acres, and other lands under his control covering quite an extent of territory. He has engaged in general farming to some extent, the manual labor being done by men under his charge. But the greater part of his time is occupied by town affairs, the duties of Town Clerk, in which capacity he has acted for twelve years, engrossing much of his attention; and as Justice of the Peace, to which office he was appointed in 1889, he has other clerical work which makes inroads upon his time. Politically, he favors the Republican party, by whom he was elected to represent his district in the legislature of 1892. He still retains his interest in the New Salem Academy, which he attended as a student, serving, as did his father, on the Board of Trustees. In religion he is of the liberal faith. He has a pleasant home in Shutesbury, and is looked up

to by his townsmen as a man of good judgment and well-developed business ability.

FREDERICK P. CARRUTH, a prosperous hardware dealer of Orange and one of the most extensive merchants in Franklin County, was born at Orange, July 28, 1856. He is a son of Benjamin M. and Cordelia (Parlin) Carruth, and grandson of John and Sally (Mason) Carruth. John Carruth was born September 28, 1773. He settled at Barre, becoming a well-to-do farmer, was a Whig in politics and a member of the Universalist church. His labors were doubtless arduous, as, although possessed of a strong constitution, he died at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, who survived him, was called to rest at eighty-five. They were the parents of the following children: William, Sally, Harriet, Charles, Maria, and Benjamin M.

Benjamin M. Carruth was born September 15, 1828, and, when of a suitable age to engage in mechanical labor, was apprenticed to a carpenter. In early manhood he settled in Gardner, Mass., where he followed his trade, later entering the employ of a large chair manufacturer in that town; and, being a skilful mechanic, he became a valuable assistant in the factory, where he remained for several years. He then purchased an estate known as the Parlin place, on which he resided the remainder of his life. He remodelled the buildings, made many other needed improvements, and before long found himself in possession of a large and valuable piece of farm property. At the age of twenty-five he married Cordelia Parlin, who was born January 17, 1832, daughter of Daniel and Melinda (Stacy) Parlin; and of their three children Francis died young, while two survived, namely: Frederick P.; and Edward L.,

a mechanic, who was born December 22, 1863. Benjamin M. Carruth died September 18, 1893, ten years after the death of his wife Cordelia, on August 8, 1883.

Frederick P. Carruth received a good education in the public schools, where he exhibited an unusual aptitude for study, entering the high school before reaching the age of thirteen, and graduating therefrom in his seventeenth year. He then worked with his father at the carpenter's trade for a period of one and one-half years, after which he pursued a business course of study at Dean Academy, Franklin, and then entered the dry-goods store of A. A. Houghton at Athol as a clerk, remaining there one year. During the next four and one-half years he was employed in the clothing store of C. A. Carruth at Athol, then accepted the position of clerk with Moulton & Bradley, wholesale and retail clothiers of Boston, in which capacity he worked one year, and for the following three years was travelling salesman for that firm. He next became connected in a similar capacity with the clothing firm of Smith, Richardson & Bates, and successfully represented that well-known house for a period of five years. By that time, tired of road life, he resigned his position, and on July 1, 1885, in company with E. O. Pratt, purchased the hardware store of Tenney & Searle at Orange. After a partnership of four years with Mr. Pratt he purchased that gentleman's interest and continued to conduct the business alone for one year, when Warren King became associated with him, and the firm, which became known as F. P. Carruth & Co., did a very large business.

On November 7, 1891, the great conflagration which occurred at Orange swept away their entire establishment in its destructive course; but, with a true spirit of enterprise, before the smoke had cleared away they were

doing business in a temporary building, one hundred by fifty feet, which had been erected and stocked in an almost incredibly short space of time. As soon as the new block was completed Mr. Carruth returned to his former location, where he has since remained, and at the present time conducts, it is claimed, the largest and most extensive hardware trade in the county. In 1890 he became a stockholder in the Leverett Machine Company, of which he is now one of the Directors, and is also manager of the Whitman Grocery Company, manufacturers of tapioca.

On January 14, 1886, Mr. Carruth married Miss Thenice J. Herrick, daughter of Charles Herrick; and their union has been blessed with five children, as follows: Carl B.; Bessie; Pearl; Howard G.; and Gladys, who died an infant. Mr. Carruth is one of the most active and progressive business men in Orange, and has done much toward developing the resources of the town. He is a Democrat in politics, having been Postmaster in 1888, and is now Water Commissioner. He is also a member of Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Crescent Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Orange Commandery, and of the Mystic Shrine. He is besides a charter member and Trustee of the lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen at Orange, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both himself and wife are members of the Order of the Eastern Star.

MRS. MARTHA TODD LIVERMORE, of Orange, Mass., widow of the late Hon. Rufus Livermore, whose portrait accompanies this brief record of a noble life, was born in Boston, September 5, 1841. Her parents, Jehiel and Melissa (Hildreth) Todd, were born November 4,



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1818, and February 4, 1818, respectively, and were united in wedlock on the 7th of October, 1840. Mr. Todd was for some years a resident of Lowell, Mass., being superintendent of the Middlesex Corporation. He subsequently engaged in the manufacture of spices, which he sold at wholesale in Worcester, living there until he retired from business. In politics he was a strong Republican, and in religion was a Congregationalist. His wife, Melissa, who bore him but one child, Martha E., now Mrs. Livermore, died May 28, 1843; and he was again married January 1, 1845, to Susan Elizabeth Whitman, by whom he had six children, two of whom are now living: Minnie J., wife of J. A. Long, of Worcester; and Alice S., wife of C. G. Gilbert, also of Worcester. Mr. Jehiel Todd died December 16, 1891. He was a son of Caleb and Hepzibah (Miller) Todd, both of whom lived to a good old age.

Rufus Livermore, with whom on January 22, 1863, Martha E. Todd was united in marriage, was born in Groton, Mass., November 1, 1839. As a lad he exhibited a passionate fondness for study; and, after leaving the district schools, he was fitted for college at Lawrence Academy. Mr. Livermore finished his education at Williams College, and later, having received a diploma from the Albany Law School, was admitted to the bar. While studying the Massachusetts Code of Laws, preparatory to beginning practice, the call for volunteers to aid in suppressing the Rebellion resounded throughout the land; and he was among the first to respond. He enlisted in Company B, of the famous Massachusetts Sixth, and was one of the gallant band that marched through the streets of Baltimore on the 19th of April, 1861. Having completed his term of service, Mr. Livermore returned to his home, and for a while worked actively to

promote enlistments, but finally succumbed to a severe attack of typhoid fever, brought on by exposure while in the army. Not content with the work which he had already done for the cause of liberty and union, he again enlisted as soon as his physical condition would allow, joining the Third Rhode Island Cavalry, with which he bravely served until the close of the war.

Coming then to Orange, Mr. Livermore entered the office of Hunt, Waite & Flint; and when, in 1872, the company was incorporated under the name of the Rodney Hunt Machine Company, he became one of its Directors, and also the Secretary, a position which he ably and faithfully filled until his death, July 8, 1891. From the time he became a resident of Orange until the day the silver cord was loosed that bound him to his earthly home, Mr. Livermore was truly a public man: no representative gathering, be it social, religious, or political, was complete without his presence to speak words of greeting and encouragement. He had the natural gift of oratory, and voiced the popular sentiment in graceful and forcible language, whenever called upon.

With his personal popularity and his great ability, he was often pressed into public service by his fellow-citizens. He represented the First District of Franklin County in the State legislature in 1879, and served on the Committee on Finance. In 1882 Mr. Livermore was elected to the position of State Senator, and re-elected in 1883, and was on several important committees, among others chairman of the Labor Committee, a member of Committee on Claims, and on Railroads. He was very enthusiastic in politics, and was often a delegate to political conventions. Socially, he was a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having been Past

Grand Commander and one of the Trustees of the social lodge. He was also a leading member of the General Sedgwick Post, Grand Army of the Republic. He was very active in church work, being an earnest and valued member of the Congregational church, to which Mrs. Livermore also belongs, and was for many years the efficient superintendent of its Sunday-school. Four children were born to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Livermore; but only one is now living, a daughter Blanche, whose birth occurred September 13, 1883. Mrs. Livermore still makes her home in Orange, occupying her pleasant residence, 4 Grove Street, highly respected by neighbors and acquaintances, and cheered by the love and sympathy of friends true and leal.

Leonard B. Rice, of East Charlemont, a well-to-do retired farmer, was born in this town, March 30, 1829, son of Leonard and Charlotte (Billings) Rice, and grandson of Timothy and Mary (Thwing) Rice. His first ancestor in this country was Edward Rice, who came from England to America in 1694, and settled in Sudbury, Mass. Timothy Rice was one of the first settlers in Conway, Mass., where he owned two hundred acres of land, and was well known as an energetic and stirring farmer. He was one of the principal supporters of the Whig party in his town, and took an active interest in the welfare of the community. He was the father of nine children — five sons and four daughters.

Leonard Rice, one of the five, who was born in Conway in 1789, bought the old homestead, but sold it later, it being now owned by F. Dickinson. He then bought the farm known as the Squire Maxwell place, one of the most beautiful of the many beautiful estates along the Deerfield River in East Charlemont. The

house, which was built in 1825, and is now occupied by his son and namesake, is very large and handsome. In politics Mr. Leonard Rice was first a Whig and afterward a Republican. A man of good abilities, like his father he was prominent in town affairs, and held many offices of trust. He died in 1869. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church. They had nine children: Daniel; Edward; Harriet; Charlotte; Amy; Lucretia; Leonard Belding, the leading subject of this sketch; F. Matilda; and Electa S.

Leonard B. Rice attended the common schools of East Charlemont, studying also at Williston Seminary and Shelburne Falls Academy. On leaving school he took charge of the homestead, which he managed for six years. He then went to Cedar Falls, Ia., where he was employed as a surveyor, and there purchased a large tract of land. His stay in the West was a short one, the place not proving congenial; and on his return he again took charge of the home farm, remaining here until August 27, 1862, when in answer to his country's call for troops to defend the Union he enlisted as a nine months' man in Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment. On July 27, 1863, having received his discharge from the army, he returned to East Charlemont, and since then has resided at the homestead, having cared for his father and mother until they passed away. He has remodelled and otherwise improved upon the house, built a new barn, and made many improvements on the farm, besides buying land in other quarters. He raises fine grades of stock, has a choice dairy and a large flock of sheep.

In 1856 Mr. Rice was married, in Shelburne Falls, to Abbie White, who died when only twenty-three years old; and it was after

her death that he sold his Western property and returned East. His second wife is Calista, daughter of Horatio Roberts, a prominent farmer in East Charlemont. Mr. Rice votes the Republican ticket. He is a public-spirited man, and takes a lively interest in educational matters. In the town he has served as Selectman, and has been School Commissioner many years; and he is a member of Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 93, at Shelburne Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Rice attend the Congregational church.

ELIAS FORD BRADFORD, a well-known dairy farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Conway, Franklin County, Mass., was born on the homestead where he now resides, November 21, 1837, son of Shubael, Jr., and Mary (Ford) Bradford.

His grandfather, Shubael Bradford, Sr., who was born in Martha's Vineyard, Mass., was one of the early settlers of Conway, locating here in the year 1794 on a farm in the southern part of the town. He successfully engaged in clearing and cultivating his land, spending the remainder of his life in that employment. He died in 1837, at seventy-six years of age. His wife, Miss Anna Hadlock before marriage, who was born and reared in Williamsburg, Mass., was a daughter of Josiah Hadlock. She died at eighty-one years of age. They reared seven children: John, Pamela, Abigail, Parthena, Phebe, Minerva, and Shubael, Jr.

Shubael Bradford, Jr., was born at the home of his parents in Conway, and there grew to manhood. He subsequently purchased the farm, and carried it on with profit for several years, but later bought the place on which he is now living with his son, Elias Ford Bradford, having attained the age of eighty-six

years. His wife, Mary Ford Bradford, who died at seventy-six years of age, was born in the town of Hawley, Mass., and was a daughter of Elias and Sophia Ford. She bore her husband three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Melvin M.; Josephine M.; Elias F.; John and Susan, twins; and Caroline E. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Elias Ford Bradford received a good practical education in the district schools of the town. As he grew to manhood, he assisted his father more and more in carrying on the farm; and later on he purchased the homestead, which contains one hundred and fifty acres of good farming land. He has since successfully engaged in general husbandry, but makes a specialty of dairying. Aside from the time he was engaged in the Civil War, in which he rendered three years of faithful service as a soldier of the First Massachusetts Cavalry, and two years devoted to travelling in the West prior to the war, his life has been spent on this place, which is known as Cloverfield Farm.

Mr. Bradford's first wife, whom he married in 1860, Lottie Howe, daughter of Artemas Howe, of Barre, Mass., died when but twenty-five years of age. In 1862 he married his present wife, formerly Miss Fannie E. Flagg, who is a daughter of Samuel Flagg, of Conway, Mass. Four children have been born of this union; namely, Lottie J., Mary R., Samuel F., and Walter L. Mr. Bradford has always been a stanch Republican. He is a charter member of the Farmers' Club of Conway, and is also a charter member of F. A. Clary Post, No. 164, Grand Army of the Republic, of Conway, in which he has served as Commander. Mr. Bradford and his estimable wife are active and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

HENRY CLAY JOY, a retired resident of Shelburne Falls, was born in Hawley, Franklin County, Mass., August 5, 1823, son of Noah and Persis (Warner) Joy, the former of whom was a native of Plainfield, Hampshire County, Mass., where his birth occurred February 27, 1782. Noah Joy acquired such an education as the public schools of Plainfield afforded, and, on attaining manhood, settled in Hawley, where he bought one hundred acres of land and engaged in farming. He later added to the acreage of his farm and became one of the thriving agriculturists of Franklin County. He also attained prominence in the State militia, becoming Colonel of his regiment. Politically, he was a Whig, and was Selectman of his town for fifteen years. He died May 23, 1843. His wife, Persis Warner, was born August 17, 1784, and died October 27, 1853. They were the parents of the following children: Laura, Annis, Eliza, Hannah, Merrick, Lorenzo W., Nelson, Henry C., and Maryett.

Henry C. Joy in his early years attended the district schools of Hawley, and made the best of his limited opportunities for securing an education. He remained at home and assisted his father on the farm until the age of twenty-six years. Two years later he went to Greenfield, where he found employment as clerk in a grocery store, continuing thus for four years. He then went to Newport, Wis., where for three years he was engaged in the grocery business on his own account, after that removing to Washington, D.C., and engaging in the hotel business. This was during the Civil War. Finding hotel-keeping profitable, he continued in that occupation for about twenty-five years. Coming to Shelburne Falls in 1885, he purchased the handsome residence at 5 Severance Street, which his brother was build-

ing at the time, and has since resided here, retired from the active duties of life, but taking a keen interest in the welfare of the community and ever ready to lend his influence and assistance to the support of every good cause. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Joy was first married on October 15, 1849, to Jerusha King, daughter of Ezra and Jerusha King, the former of whom was a well-to-do farmer, who died in 1841 at the age of fifty-seven years, survived many years by his wife, whose death occurred in 1882, at the remarkable age of ninety-four years. They had twelve children, namely: Hiram, Mercy V., Joanna, Chloe R., Esther, Olive B., Ezra B., J. Warriner, Sylvia L., Abigail, Mahalath G., and Jerusha G.—a good old-fashioned New England family. It would be well for the country if there were more of them nowadays. Mrs. Jerusha K. Joy, who was born July 12, 1829, died in 1888.

On January 2, 1890, Mr. Joy was married for the second time to Gertrude E. Morley, daughter of Asahel M. and Ruth (Cadwell) Morley, of Hartford, Conn. Mr. Morley was in his early days a general store-keeper, but in later years became a broker and dealt quite largely in real estate. Neither he nor his wife is now living. He died at the age of sixty years, and his wife when forty-six years old. They had three children: Wilbert N., who died when a child of six years; Gertrude E.; and Franklin A., who married Mae F. Clark, and is engaged in the insurance business in Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Joy are good substantial New England people of the old school, and their home presents an appearance of thrift and neatness cheerful to behold and indicative of comfort and well-earned prosperity.



CHARLES PARSONS, JR.

JAMES F. TEMPLE, editor and publisher of the *Deerfield Valley Echo*, was born in Waverly, Ia., June 8, 1869, son of William H. and Helen (Martin) Temple. An extended notice of his grandfather, David Temple, will be found in the sketch of D. W. Temple in this volume.

William H. Temple was born in Heath, Franklin County, Mass., September 12, 1842. He learned the trade of tinsmith and plumber, and for some time worked at Greenfield and Athol. In 1876 he went to Waverly, Ia., and there worked at his trade some ten years. The ten years following he was engaged in the marble and granite business, but eventually resumed his trade, and is now doing a successful business. In 1862 Mr. Temple enlisted for the defence of the Union, being enrolled in Company B, Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, and served eleven months. In politics he is a Democrat, and active in local political circles. Mr. Temple has two sons: James F.; and Claude R., a plumber, in business with his father.

James F. Temple graduated from the Waverly High School, and at the age of sixteen entered a printing-office to learn the mysteries of the "art preservative." In 1892, while on a visit East, he bought out F. I. Bartlett & Co., publishers of the *Deerfield Valley Echo*. This paper was started in March, 1891, and, like many other papers that came to existence in that vicinity, received very small encouragement. Mr. Temple, thoroughly understanding his business and being energetic and hopeful, soon put new life into the enterprise. Commencing in April, 1893, with a very small circulation, he has made the *Echo* one of the best and most interesting weekly papers in the county, and is now printing eight hundred copies weekly. It is independent in politics, giving a fair show to both parties, and is win-

ning such universal approbation that the subscription list is monthly increasing.

Mr. Temple is an honorary member of Typographical Union No. 42 of Minneapolis, of the League of American Wheelmen of Boston, also a member of the Hampshire and Franklin County Press Club. He is a Knight of Pythias, a member of the S. S. C. C., and of the Knights of Maccabees of Waverly, Ia. In religious views he is liberal. On July 15, 1895, Mr. Temple purchased the job printing-office formerly owned by J. L. Goldsmith, and at present he has the only printing-office in the town.

CHARLES PARSONS, JR., the subject of the following sketch and the accompanying portrait, is a prominent agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of Conway, Franklin County, Mass., where he was born April 2, 1839, son of Charles and Sylvia (Boyden) Parsons. He is a representative of one of the oldest, most widely known, and influential families in the Connecticut valley, descendants of two brothers, Joseph and Benjamin, of English birth, who were among the first-comers to this region, the name being on the Springfield records as early as 1636. A few years later both Benjamin, the direct ancestor of Mr. Parsons, and his brother, "Cornet" Joseph, removed to Northampton. Benjamin Parsons married in 1653 Sarah Vore (or Voar), of Windsor, Conn., and died in 1689. One or more of their children settled at Enfield, Conn. Samuel Parsons married Miss Hannah Hitchcock, and they reared five children. Their second son, Joel Parsons, who was born in Somers, Conn., January 28, 1753, in early manhood removed to Conway, Mass., where he successfully engaged in agriculture and blacksmithing, and here passed the remainder of his life. At twenty-

two years of age, on July 31, 1775, he was united in marriage with Miss Tryphena Booth. The birth of their son Charles occurred in Conway on June 22, 1798. Like his father, he turned his attention to farming, and with gratifying results. He rendered faithful service to his town as Selectman and Assessor and took an active part in various public enterprises, among others the organization of the Conway National Bank; and he was a liberal contributor toward the support of schools and churches. He and his wife, Sylvia Boyden Parsons, whom he married on October 30, 1820, had five children, namely: Adeline; Nancy; Tryphena B.; Charles L., who died when six weeks old; and Charles, Jr., who continued to live under the parental roof after reaching manhood.

Having received his education in the common schools and in Conway Academy, when twenty-three years of age he received from his father an interest in the homestead; and for three years they conducted the farm in partnership. From that time Mr. Parsons the younger took entire charge and cared for his parents until their death, after which he became the owner of the homestead and has since continued to carry it on with profit. The farm contains four hundred acres. In 1867 Mr. Parsons, in connection with general farming, began to breed full-blooded stock, and is now known as one of the most successful stock-raisers in Massachusetts. His barns are models of convenience and comfort, and his residence one of the finest in this vicinity. On October 29, 1862, Mr. Parsons was united in marriage with Miss Helen A. Wickham, a daughter of D. M. Wickham, of Albion, N.Y. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, a son and four daughters; namely, Mary Adeline, Charles Lyman, Lizzie, Lois, and Sylvia B.

In politics Mr. Parsons is a Republican. He rendered efficient service to his town as Selectman from 1880 to 1885, and later on served three years more in the same office. He has acted as chairman of the Board of Town Commissioners for several years, is now serving his second term as chairman of the Road Commissioners, and has also acted one year as a member of the School Committee. For many years he has filled the office of Justice of the Peace. Mr. Parsons took a prominent part in the establishment of the Conway Creamery, which was started in 1887, and has since been connected with it, acting as director of the company most of the time, and serving as secretary and treasurer between three and four years, during a year and a half being also engaged as the business manager. The creamery is second to none in New England, both as to quantity and quality of butter produced. Mr. Parsons is now a stockholder in Conway National Bank, one of the Trustees of the Conway Savings Bank, and a Director of the Conway Electric Street Railway Company. He was superintendent of construction in the erection in Conway village of the town hall, the site of which was given by him to the town.

The building is one of the finest in this part of Franklin County, and was erected at a cost of about ten thousand dollars. The foundations of the structure are forty-eight by sixty feet in dimension, and it is two stories in height. One-third of the first floor is used for a public library, which contains a fair-sized collection of instructive and interesting books. The remainder of the first floor is devoted to rooms for town officials and a soldiers' memorial hall. The upper floor is used as an auditorium for lectures and entertainments. Its acoustic properties are excellent. It is supplied with comfortable chairs and is constructed with a good stage, well equipped with

scenery, which was placed there by private subscription, the seating capacity of the hall being enlarged by a gallery which will accommodate about forty persons.

Fraternally, Mr. Parsons is connected with the Franklin County Agricultural Society, and is a prominent Mason, being a charter member of the Morning Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Conway, and its first Worshipful Master, also a member of Franklin Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the Connecticut Valley Commandery, Knights Templars. He is likewise Past District Deputy of the Grand Lodge. In religious views Mr. Parsons is orthodox, is a member of the Congregational church of Conway, and for twenty years was connected with the choir.

CHARLES B. NEWELL, a leading citizen of Rowe, prominent in politics and in agriculture, was born in Whitingham, Vt., October 3, 1839, son of Baxter H. and Rachel (Briggs) Newell, and grandson of Joshua and Dorcas (Lyon) Newell. Joshua Newell was born in the eastern part of Massachusetts in 1809. Removing to Vermont when a young man, he bought a tract of wild land in Whitingham, comprising fifty acres, which he converted into a comfortable homestead, prospering as years rolled on and adding to his property until it covered two hundred and fifty acres. He built substantial frame buildings, and at his death, which occurred when he was fifty years old, left a valuable property. In politics he was a Whig, and in religious belief a Universalist, his wife attending the same church. They had nine children.

Baxter H. Newell was born in Whitingham and spent his life on the home farm, caring for his parents in their declining years. He bought one hundred and fifty acres adjoin-

ing the homestead, which, added to the original property, made a vast estate. In 1868 he sold this property to his son Chester, and, retiring from active business, bought a home in Shelburne Falls, where he died at the age of seventy-nine. His wife passed away at sixty-two. Baxter H. Newell, having cast his first votes with the Whigs, later supported the Republican platform; and for twelve years he was Selectman, Assessor, and Poor Master. He was a public-spirited and patriotic man and actively assisted in raising troops at the time of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter H. Newell had five children, as follows: Charles B., John L., Chester V., Luana R., and Herbert.

Charles B. Newell attended the public schools in Whitingham, finishing his education at the Whitingham Academy and at Townshend Seminary. At the age of twenty-two he went to work at Charlestown, Mass., where he was employed for five years. He then went into business with his brother, John L., who had a general store at Shelburne Falls, and was there engaged for twelve years, with varying fortune. The business paid well; but the store was burned in 1875 and had to be rebuilt, and Mr. Newell's health failed, so that he felt constrained to retire from mercantile life. In 1883 he bought the Barrett farm in Rowe, a property of two hundred and fifty acres, and has remodelled the house and barn and established a fine farm. He has a choice dairy, keeping forty-five head of cattle, and has been engaged to some extent in sheep-raising. Besides his home property he owns the Hunt farm, which covers one hundred and ninety-three acres, and the Brown farm, an estate of one hundred and sixty acres.

On November 1, 1862, Mr. Newell was united in marriage with Lucy J., daughter of John P. and Jane (Green) Dix, of Whiting-

ham, Vt. Mr. Dix was a farmer and lived to a good age. Mrs. Lucy J. Newell died in 1874, at the age of thirty-two. She left four children, as follows: Bradley C., now of Jacksonville, Vt., who married Ellen Allard and has three children; Carrie J., at home with her father; Alice M., who married John S. Hunt and lives at Miller's Falls; Flora L., who married Charles O. Peck and has one child.

In politics Mr. Newell is a Republican and was Representative for this district in 1891. In the town he has been Selectman, Assessor, and Poor Master, serving also on the School Committee; and for two years he has been President of the Agricultural Society of Charlemont. In religion Mr. Newell holds liberal views.

WARREN F. TOWER, a leading farmer and influential citizen of Monroe, Franklin County, was born in Florida, Berkshire County, Mass., April 23, 1828, son of Martin and Fanny (Clark) Tower, and grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth (Fuller) Tower. According to the genealogical record in the History of Hingham, Mass., the original progenitors of the Tower family in America were Robert and Dorothy (Damon) Tower, residents of Hingham, England, whose son John came to this country and settled in Hingham, Mass., in 1637. John's son Benjamin was the father of Thomas and grandfather of Shadrach, who married Miss Ruth Cobb. Thomas, the second, who married Elizabeth Fuller, was son of Shadrach and Ruth, and hence was of the fifth generation in America; and Warren F. Tower, the subject of this sketch, represents the seventh. It has been said that the name was originally Tour, which later became Tore, and finally Tower.

Thomas Tower was the first to remove to the western part of the State. He came from Ashfield, Mass., and settled in Florida, of which town he became a progressive farmer. He first purchased one hundred acres of new land, all of which he cleared, and built thereon a substantial house and barn; and later on he bought two hundred acres additional. He was a popular and influential citizen, and in political affiliation a Republican. He and his wife, Elizabeth Fuller Tower, were the parents of the following children: Lucy, Thomas, Martin, William, Betsy, Chester, and Polly.

Martin Tower, who was born in the town of Florida, Berkshire County, August 8, 1790, chose the vocation of an agriculturist and purchased a farm in his native town. He was a well-read and highly intelligent farmer and an influential and prosperous citizen. In politics he was a Republican and served acceptably in various town offices. He died at the age of seventy-seven years; and his wife, Fanny Clark Tower, lived to be but fifty-seven years old. Their union was blessed by the birth of sixteen children: Alvin, Calvin, Orrin, Fanny, Phila, Lucy, Harry, William (deceased), Warren F., Calista, William, Houghton, Eli, Sidney, Miles, and Miner.

Warren F. Tower remained with his parents until he reached his majority, acquiring a good practical education in the district school. He then purchased one hundred acres of what is known as the Dunbar lot in the town of Monroe, and later on bought forty acres additional. He is a successful agriculturist, and aside from his general farming and stock-raising he has been largely interested in lumbering. In 1888, his house having been destroyed by fire, he erected a substantial new one. Mr. Tower served in the Civil War, enlisting in 1862 in Company B of the Fifty-second Massachusetts Regiment, under Colonel Green-

leaf, and took part in the battle of Port Hudson and other engagements, returning home after eleven months' service. In 1853 he was married to Miss Nancy Roberts, who died when but twenty-six years of age. His second wife was Miss Elzada Polley, of Savoy, who died at the age of forty-nine years. This union was blessed by the birth of eight children, namely: Nancy, who died young; Sarah, the wife of Dexter Bailey, of Whitingham, Vt., who has one child, Eva; Emma and Etta, residing at home; Minnie, who married Melvin H. Stafford, of Readsboro, Vt., and has two children—Elva and Clifton; Willis H. and Nellie, who live with their father; and Eddie, the seventh-born, who died young.

Mr. Tower is a Republican and a man of sterling character, who has been frequently chosen by his townsmen to fill offices of trust and responsibility. He has served very acceptably as Selectman for ten years, also as Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and as a member of the School Committee. In religious views he is liberal.

GEORGE A. BERRY, a successful farmer and lumberman of Shutesbury, was born in Prescott, Hampshire County, Mass., April 13, 1837, son of William A. and Mary (Thrasher) Berry, his ancestors having been among the first settlers of that town. His paternal grandfather, John Berry, who was a native of Prescott, was an energetic and industrious farmer, and accumulated considerable wealth. He died at the old Berry homestead in Prescott, at the age of over eighty years, and the farm is now occupied by four generations of the family. William A. Berry, son of John, was likewise a successful farmer and a resident of Prescott throughout his earthly life, he, however, attain-

ing only forty years of age. He was a Democrat in politics and liberal in his religious views. His wife, Mary Thrasher Berry, a native of New Braintree, became the mother of three children, as follows: William M., who died at the age of twenty-one; Mary J., who died aged five years; and George A., the subject of this sketch. The mother died at the age of seventy-seven.

George A. Berry grew to manhood in Prescott. He commenced his studies in the schools of his native town, and completed his education at the New Salem Academy. He taught in the public schools for several terms, and resided at home until reaching the age of twenty-one, when he engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1864 he purchased a farm of one hundred acres in Shutesbury, where he now resides, and, having since acquired more land, his property at the present time consists of five hundred acres. He has conducted extensive lumbering operations, in which he has been successful, and now occupies a prominent position among the well-to-do residents of Shutesbury. Mr. Berry is a Republican in politics, and is active and influential in public affairs. He is chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and has served as Collector and Town Clerk. In 1879 he was elected to the House of Representatives, and served the district with credit.

On May 7, 1859, Mr. Berry was united in marriage with Rebecca Vaughan, who was born in Prescott, December 12, 1836, and by whom he had four children, as follows: Mary A., who died aged thirty-two; Elmer A., a farmer and lumberman of New Salem; Lura L. and Bessie J., who reside at home. Mrs. Rebecca V. Berry died December 9, 1883; and on May 7, 1885, Mr. Berry wedded for his second wife Mrs. Abbie S. Crossman (*née* Cowles). Mr. Berry is a liberal in religion, and Mrs. Berry is a member of the Congregational church.

WILLIAM W. HUNT, a general merchant at Wendell Depot, was born at New Salem, May 15, 1842, son of Warren and Betsey (Stacy) Hunt. Mr. Hunt's grandfather, Gardner Hunt, resided in New Salem, where he followed agricultural pursuits and passed the greater portion of his life. Warren Hunt was born in New Salem and was reared to farm life; but, being naturally skilful in the use of tools, he relinquished agriculture, preferring to follow the vocation of a mechanic. He worked several years in New Salem, and passed the last twenty-five years of his life in Leverett, where he died at the age of sixty years. His wife, who was a daughter of Ninfus Stacy, of Prescott, became the mother of three children, as follows: Jane, who married James F. Smith, and is now deceased; Wilson, a mechanic residing at Thorndike; and William W., above named. The mother died in Prescott, aged sixty-three years.

William W. Hunt acquired his education in the schools of New Salem, and after completing his studies there engaged in the grocery business, which he conducted for a period of six years. He then moved to Wendell Depot and purchased the store now occupied by Mr. Graves, which he conducted successfully for the succeeding two years, and in 1881 established himself in his present place, where, under his forceful energy, his business even in these days of driving competition has expanded into large proportions. Mr. Hunt has also succeeded, withal, in securing the firm friendship and good will of his fellow-townsmen, who regard him with the highest respect and esteem.

In 1863 Mr. Hunt was united in marriage to Miss Lucy A. Smith, daughter of Amos K. Smith, of New Salem, Mass. They are the parents of six children, as follows: Lewis

L., station agent at Wendell, who married Jessie Cobb, and has one child named Atheline; Horace H., who wedded Eva L. Cobb, and is in business with his father; Annie B.; Frank H.; Eva J.; and Angie L.

In politics Mr. Hunt is a Democrat, and has taken an active interest in public affairs, in which he is a prominent figure. He has served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen for the past six years, and in 1890 represented the Third Franklin District in the State legislature. He has also been Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for the past seven years. He very capably filled the position of Postmaster at New Salem, and since coming to Wendell Depot has served the public in the same capacity, giving equal satisfaction. Mr. Hunt is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and his son Lewis is serving upon the School Board.

ABNER N. BASCOM, a prosperous farmer of Greenfield, was born in the adjoining town of Gill, Franklin County, Mass., March 25, 1827, son of Dorus and Esther (Newton) Bascom. Moses Bascom, the grandfather of Abner, was an honest, hard-working, and successful farmer, a native of Massachusetts. He was one of the early settlers of Gill and a Selectman of that town, and also a prominent member of the A. F. & A. M. He married Anna Sheldon, and died at a good old age on the old homestead. His son, Dorus Bascom, who was born in Gill, likewise became an influential citizen of that place, serving as Selectman and also as Representative. He owned the old Bascom farm and considerable land in Bernardston. He and his wife, Esther Newton, a native of Greenfield, both died on the old farm, he attaining the more advanced age.



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They were Universalists in religion. In politics Dorus Bascom was a Democrat. Of their children who reached maturity there were four sons and two daughters, as follows: Abner Bascom and his sister, Martha (Bascom) Clark, who reside in Greenfield; Spellman, Ezekiel, Newton, and Jane, deceased.

Abner N. Bascom obtained his education in the schools of Gill, and started in business for himself when twenty-one years of age. He resided in Gill until 1862, when, moving to Greenfield, he bought his present farm, which he has greatly improved. On February 1, 1857, when about thirty years of age, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Purple, who was born in Gill, May 8, 1833, daughter of Roswell and Mary (Roberts) Purple, both natives of Gill. Mr. Purple was a farmer, well and favorably known throughout the community, and was also popular as hotel-keeper and auctioneer. He was a Democrat in politics. In religion both he and his wife were Unitarians. They had a large family, seven of whom are living, as follows: Clarissa, now Mrs. Morgan, of South Deerfield; Sophia, Mrs. Hale, of Springfield, Mass.; Mary, Mrs. Merrick, of Amherst, Mass.; Eliza, Mrs. Bascom; Procter P., living in Gill; Edwin, of Athol, Mass.; and Henry, of Gill, Mass. Elmira, Henrietta, Hetsel, and John are deceased.

Mr. Bascom has been a hard-working man, and has thriven through his own exertions. He and his estimable wife at their charming home entertain with good old-fashioned hospitality their large circle of friends. They have two sons: John H. Bascom, a well-known shoe dealer of Springfield; Rollins S. Bascom, a citizen of Greenfield. Abner N. Bascom is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are liberal in religious faith.

FRANKLIN PEASE, a successful and highly respected farmer of Conway, Franklin County, Mass., was born in this town, June 27, 1823, son of Asher and Elizabeth (Chaffee) Pease, and grandson of John Pease. The latter was a native and a lifelong resident of Enfield, Conn. Little is known regarding him except that he married, and reared a family of four children; namely, Beulah, John, Jr., Asher, and Lyman.

Asher Pease, who was born in Enfield, Conn., September 21, 1781, chose for his life work the independent and healthful vocation of an agriculturist, and in early manhood removed to Conway, Mass., where he purchased a farm, which he carried on with success for many years. He and his wife, Elizabeth (Chaffee) Pease, reared eight children: Eliza, Newton, Maria, Beulah, Harriet, Caroline, Loren, and Franklin. Both parents spent their last days on the old homestead.

Franklin Pease, who was the youngest son, spent his early years on his father's farm in Conway, receiving a good practical education in the district schools. The winter that he was eighteen years of age he engaged as a school-teacher, and he successfully followed that as a winter vocation for several years. When he reached his majority, his father gave him an interest in the home farm; and he continued to carry it on in partnership with his father until the latter's death. He still resides on this farm, which is large and productive, and has substantial and comfortable buildings; and he is successfully engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He also buys and sells a large amount of live stock, and in the spring he generally has about one hundred head of cattle to turn out to pasture. On November 5, 1850, Mr. Pease was united in marriage with Miss Minerva Nims, who

was born in Ashfield, Mass., June 22, 1824, and was a daughter of Stoddard Nims, of that place. Her death, on June 10, 1894, came as a sad bereavement to her husband, with whom she had shared in the work of life and its joys and sorrows for nearly forty-four years.

Mr. Pease is active in political matters, and has faithfully and acceptably served his town in various offices of trust, having been a Selectman thirteen years, also an Assessor; and in 1863 he was a member of the House of Representatives in the State legislature. Mr. Pease belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, and is a prominent member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

A portrait of this substantial and progressive citizen will be found on a neighboring page.

FREDERICK W. PURRINGTON, an extensive manufacturer of butter boxes and a dealer in all kinds of grain and feed at Griswoldville, in the town of Colerain, was born here on November 8, 1852. He is the son of Luther and Fanny J. (Hunter) Purrington, his father having been born at Stamford, Vt., on June 29, 1823, and his mother at Wendell, Mass., in the same year. Mr. Purrington's grandfather, Dr. Luther Purrington, became one of the early settlers of the town of Colerain, where he was for some time a practising physician; and he continued to reside there until his decease, which occurred at the age of sixty-two years. The Doctor's son and namesake, Luther Purrington, adopted agriculture as an occupation, and has resided upon a farm situated about one and one-half miles north of Colerain Centre the greater portion of his life. He has been an industrious and energetic farmer, and is to-day one of the oldest residents of the town. His first wife died in 1854, when her

son Frederick W. was about two years of age; and he married for his second wife Sarah Robbins, who still survives. His other son by the first marriage is Franklin L., a farmer of Colerain; and the children of his second marriage are: George A., a travelling salesman of Worcester, Mass.; Nellie A., wife of Wheeler Sissons, of Deerfield; and Charles J., also a resident of Colerain.

Frederick was educated in the schools of his native town, and at the age of twenty-one years commenced life's labors as a farm laborer and a teamster. He carefully saved his earnings, and in 1878 purchased his present property at Griswoldville, where he has since resided. Besides the butter-box industry, which he conducts on an extensive scale, having produced as many as seventy-five thousand boxes per annum, he also owns and operates a grist-mill, and deals extensively in all kinds of grain and feed, together with agricultural tools and implements of every description, having large warehouses. He erected a very pleasant and convenient residence in 1889, at a cost of three thousand dollars.

On November 14, 1878, he married Miss Ida A. Brown, who was born at Whitingham, Vt., on October 27, 1852, daughter of Amos A. and Mary (Temple) Brown, her father having been born in that town, October 18, 1817, and her mother at Heath on July 7 of the same year. The former was a successful farmer, and prominently identified with the public affairs of Whitingham, having served twenty years as Deputy Sheriff, and also ably filled other offices. He died January 2, 1869, his wife surviving until May 28, 1893, having been the mother of eight children, four of whom are now living, namely: Corsanda, wife of B. F. Roberts, of Halifax, Vt.; Janette, wife of Emory P. Reed, of Jacksonville, Vt.; Ida A.; and William A., also a resident of

Jacksonville. The deceased were: Clarissa E., Amos G., Hannah M., and Florence M. Mr. Purrington's success in his enterprises is the result of his good business ability and untiring energy. He is liberal in his religious views and, politically, a Democrat.

PHILO A. TOWER, a sagacious and enterprising agriculturist of Charle-
mont, where he resides on his beautiful farm of one hundred acres, was born in Savoy, Mass., December 26, 1849, son of Calvin and Laura Blanchard Tower, and grandson of Martin and Fanny (Clark) Tower. His great-grandparents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Fuller) Tower, the former of whom was the son of Shadrach and Ruth (Cobb) Tower. From the genealogy of the family given in the History of Hingham, Mass., we learn that Shadrach was the son of Thomas, who was son of Benjamin, who was son of John Tower, a native of Hingham, England, who came to Massachusetts and settled in Hingham in 1637. John Tower was a son of Robert and Dorothy (Damon) Tower. The family name, it is said, was formerly Tour, from which it was changed to Tore, and then assumed its present form.

Martin Tower was born on April 8, 1790. He was industrious and enterprising, and became very prosperous in worldly circumstances, owning a large farm in Florida, Berkshire County, Mass. He died at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Fanny Clark, who died at fifty-seven, was the mother of a good old-fashioned family of sixteen children, most of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Alvin; Calvin; Orrin; Fanny and Phila, twins; Lucy; Harry; William; Warren F.; Calista; William, second; Houghton; Eli; Sidney; and Miles and Minor, twins.

After the death of his first wife Martin Tower married again, his second wife being Mary J. Pike; but by her he had no children.

Calvin Tower, second son of Martin, was born in Florida, Berkshire County, Mass., and remained at home until reaching manhood. He then bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Savoy, and on it erected good buildings, later purchasing an adjoining farm of one hundred and forty acres, and becoming quite well-to-do in course of time. He kept a good dairy, and was a thorough and substantial farmer. He died on his farm when past threescore years and seven. His first wife, Laura Blanchard, was the daughter of Josiah C. and Polly (Haskins) Blanchard. Her father was a son of Nathan Blanchard, one of the early settlers of Savoy. Mrs. Laura B. Tower died at the age of fifty-two years, having been the mother of four children: Freeman C., Mary F., Philo A., and Milo F. Freeman C. Tower has been twice married, and has had six children, two of whom are now living, namely: Adah S. Cain, of Savoy; and Iva Steele, of Adams. His first wife was Izana Maynard, who died in early womanhood, and his second, Bertha Mease, of Michigan, in which State they now reside. Mary F. Tower married Robert Harris, a farmer of Savoy, and has three children: Fred P., Frank, and Flora. Milo F., twin brother of Philo A., died in infancy. Calvin Tower, after the death of his first wife, married Mary Ann Bridges, who now resides in Savoy.

Philo A. Tower acquired a practical education in his native town, and remained at home until his marriage. After that event he superintended the home farm for five years, and then came to Charlemont, and bought the Stevens farm, a beautiful tract of land on the Greenfield River, containing one hundred acres, as above mentioned. This he has im-

proved by erecting a house and good barns, and bringing the land into a higher state of cultivation. He has a fine flock of sheep, besides other stock, and carries on a dairy. His farm presents a flourishing appearance, and speaks well for the typical New England energy and thrift, of which he possesses a large share. He also owns one hundred and forty acres of land in Savoy.

Mr. Tower was married March 9, 1875, to Ida A. Maynard, daughter of Urbane and Eliza A. (Haskins) Maynard, of Savoy. Mr. Maynard, who was a prominent farmer, died in 1893, at the age of sixty-nine. His wife is still living. Mrs. Maynard's father was Samuel Haskins, a son of Shadrach Haskins and grandson of the Rev. Nathan Haskins, who was the first settled minister in Savoy, and as such received as a donation from the town the grant of three hundred and eighty acres of land. His descendants at one time formed a large part of the population in the district known as Spruce Corner, Savoy. Mr. and Mrs. Tower are the parents of the following children: Mabel A., born August 11, 1884; Arca C., born July 14, 1887; and Altie L., October 22, 1894. Their eldest, Gertrude E., was born June 3, 1879, and died October 1, 1883. Mr. Tower is a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are among the most respected citizens of their town.

PROFESSOR H. A. PRATT, a retired educator, now residing in Gill, Mass., is a descendant of one of the early English immigrants to New England bearing this surname. The earliest direct ancestor on the incomplete family record is Ephraim Pratt, born at Bridgewater, Mass., January 10, 1732. His early life was spent at Hardwick (now in the limits of Dana).

During his residence there he is represented as holding the office of Deacon in the Baptist church. Afterward, having adopted the religious belief of the Universalists, he became a preacher of that faith. Not far from the year 1776 he removed to Wendell, near Lock's Village. From his old account book, now in possession of the family, he seems at first to have kept a country store, but adopted farming as a business later in life. He probably continued to exercise his talent as a religious teacher among the rural population. A memorial tablet bearing the record of his death, January 20, 1809, stands in the cemetery at Lock's Village.

Lieutenant David Pratt, oldest son of the above, was born in Hardwick, May 15, 1757. Being a young man of marked intellectual ability and business energy, he began the occupation of a merchant in his native town. At first successful, but later having suffered reverses, he abandoned his first field of labor, and removed to Shutesbury, where he tried real estate speculation in a somewhat undeveloped part of the town, building several houses and selling some farms, but was unable to recover his original prosperity. Overwhelmed by disappointment, he failed to realize the promise of his early manhood, and sank into comparative poverty, dying December 19, 1826.

Of his nine children, all of whom reached adult age, Ephraim, the father of the subject of this sketch, was the third, born at Hardwick, December 18, 1784, married May 31, 1815, and died May 30, 1838. His wife, Huldah Pierce, daughter of Nathan Pierce, of Shutesbury, was born February 8, 1796, and died May 13, 1887. Her second husband, Eliphalet Kingman, of Winchester, N.H., with whom she lived some fourteen years, died June 11, 1874.

Of the early life of Deacon Ephraim Pratt there are few records extant. He seems to have come to Shutesbury with his father near the beginning of the present century. That he was brought up to habits of industry and economy seems evident from the fact that in 1811 he was able to buy the farm on which he spent his life, advancing the purchase money. Acquiring his education at the public schools at home and the academy at New Salem, he became a teacher in the country schools, and pursued this calling successfully during fourteen successive winters. He also shared in the town offices, and practised the art of land surveying as occasion offered. With these, together with the cultivation of his farm, as his only sources of income, he acquired a competence, and left an unencumbered estate to his family.

A devout Christian, and professing the Baptist faith, he was honored with the highest lay offices of his church.

His family included eight children—five sons and three daughters—all of whom reached mature years, and of whom six are now living.

The eldest, Ephraim L., was born August 9, 1817, and died at Boston, February 19, 1867, after a life devoted to the inventive arts, though, like most inventors, he failed to achieve financial success.

The third member of the family, Hannah Hammond, born December 27, 1820, married the Rev. David Brainard Gunn, who has spent most of his life preaching as an evangelist in the West, and, later, as a home missionary in Maine and Massachusetts. They are now retired from the active professional work, being able to rest in the assurance of a competence in their declining years.

Lemuel Church, born February 17, 1824, having acquired a good academic education,

and taught successfully in schools of various grades, at length embarked in business at Cleveland, Ohio, and subsequently at Kalamazoo, Mich. Intelligent and public-spirited, he has been a valuable citizen and an influential member of the religious communities with which he has been associated.

Henry Lee was born July 14, 1826. With his older brother Lemuel C. he spent the principal part of his minority at the old homestead in farm labor. Meanwhile, as circumstances permitted, he secured a few terms of academic instruction, and became a popular teacher in the public schools. His early efforts in study and teaching gave promise of superior scholarship and a brilliant career in professional life. But, unwilling to submit to the necessities of a student's life undertaken without ready means of support, he decided on business as his chief calling, and abandoned school life. While uniform success has attended him in the field of his choice, he has achieved honor and influence as an intelligent and high-minded citizen in the civil and religious communities wherein he has resided. Since 1869 his home has been in New York.

Sarah Sophia, born November 28, 1828, married Samuel Sawyer, an intelligent mechanic and influential citizen, and resides at Miller's Falls, Mass.

Laura was born June 30, 1833, received a good education, and achieved some success in teaching. Her career was cut short by protracted illness till her decease in 1867.

James David, born March 20, 1836, has been industrious and enterprising, but never successful in business. For some years he has resided in South-western Kansas.

Professor Hiram A. Pratt, the second son, was born January 21, 1819. His early years were devoted to labor on the farm, enjoying

meanwhile annually from eight to ten weeks of instruction at the district schools. With such limited advantages for study and sixteen weeks at a higher institution, he became master of a public school; and thereafter, for the next fifty-seven years, with the exception of five, he spent at least one term in the work of teaching in the various grades of public schools and academies. Urged by an irrepres- sible love of learning, he desired above all things the advantages of a college education; and, being dependent on his own resources, he bent every energy toward its accomplishment, laboring in the field in summer, attending the academy in the fall and spring terms, and teaching in the winter. In the summer of 1841, having completed the preparation for college, an unexpected interruption occurred. His eyes (never very strong) now became unable to bear the strain of college work. The next four years accordingly were spent principally in teaching and private study, until 1845, when it seemed practicable to attempt the higher course. Therefore, applying for admission at Amherst College, he entered the Sophomore class of 1848, and was graduated in due course. A return to teaching now seemed to be the shortest way to the liquidation of a few college bills; and, a position having been offered in the Shelburne Falls Academy, it was accepted, rather as a temporary expedient than as a permanent settlement in business. But, nothing occurring to divert him there- from, teaching became his permanent life- work, of which this is the summary: assistant and principal of Shelburne Falls Academy, 1848-51; principal of Norwalk Institute, Ohio, 1851-53; of Shelburne Falls Academy, 1854- 56; of Connecticut Literary Institution, Suffield, Conn., 1856-61; of Hartford High School, Connecticut, 1861-65; in business at Cleveland, Ohio, 1865-68; principal of

Peddie Institute, Hightstown, N.J., 1868-75; in business at Kalamazoo, Mich., 1875-77; superintendent of public schools in Faribault, Minn., 1877-81; principal of Pratt's School for Boys, Shelburne Falls, 1882-93; thence retired, resident of Gill, Mass.

May 30, 1849, Professor Pratt married Miss Marietta, daughter of Eliphalet Kingman, of Winchester, N.H., born February 16, 1828, educated at Mount Holyoke Seminary, a young lady of superior scholarship and high intellectual and moral endowments and strong religious convictions. She contributed mate- rially to her husband's success in his early professional labors, and was the mother of two sons: Henry Alden, who died at the age of sixteen months; and Frank Kingman, who graduated at Brown University in the class of 1877, and is now practising law in Minneapo- lis, Minn. Her death occurred at Hights- town, N.J., February 1, 1872, at the age of forty-four years.

Professor Pratt married his second wife, Mary Howe Smith, daughter of Squire Howe, of Dryden, Tompkins County, N.Y., August 27, 1873. Having graduated from the Albany Normal School in 1853, she became teacher in the high school at Oswego, where she con- tinued till 1857, when, having married Mr. A. M. Smith, her first husband, she retired from educational work. In 1861, after the death of her husband, she resumed teaching in the Oswego schools, having charge of the geo- graphical studies. At the organization of the Oswego State Normal School she became a member of the faculty of that institution, in which relation she continued until 1870, although active service on this board was interrupted for a time to enable her to aid Professor Arnold Guyot, of Princeton, in the preparation of his geographical series. From the beginning of 1870 until her marriage her

time was occupied exclusively in the geographical work and in attending teachers' institutes, giving instruction in improved methods of elementary teaching. In prosecuting this work she visited every State north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers, and addressed vast gatherings of teachers in them all.

During the course of Pratt's School at Shelburne Falls she had charge of the instruction in French, German, and mathematics, in which she demonstrated the superiority of her improved methods of instruction by a very successful practical experiment. By her first husband she had two children: Annie L., wife of Professor Mearkle, of Hamlin University, St. Paul, Minn.; and Harry A. Smith, a graduate of Amherst College in the class of 1883, and since employed in New York in the work of artistic house decoration.

Professor Pratt, while active in the discharge of civil, social, and religious duties in the various relations of life, has given his mind and heart principally to the one work of practical education—that of fitting young gentlemen and ladies for an honorable, successful, and useful career in life. His system of instruction, suggested by his own experience as a student, has been invariably followed in all the departments of learning in which he has been actively engaged, and with results highly satisfactory both to teacher and learner. The method consists in limiting the student to two principal recitations a day, and extending the length of the lesson and the time of the recitation to the utmost within practicable limits. Carry a few subjects at once, and advance rapidly in the course, instead of adding to the number of the lessons and subtracting proportionally from their length. By this method Professor Pratt has long wrought in the field of academic education; and with what success thousands of his former pupils,

now filling successfully the several learned professions and all the civil departments of honest labor, can bear ample testimony.

CHARLES L. BOYDEN, a practical and progressive young farmer of Conway, Franklin County, was born in this town, September 27, 1865, son of Francis and Martha (Jones) Boyden.

His paternal grandfather, Josiah Boyden, was also a native of Conway. He remained on the old homestead with his parents until his marriage, at which time he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres about a mile south. He was a successful farmer, and in addition to his agricultural labors he also engaged in stock buying. As there were no railroad facilities for transporting the cattle to market, when he had purchased a number of head it was his custom to drive them to Boston to sell them, he himself making the journey on horseback. He spent the remainder of his life on this farm, where he died at seventy-four years of age. He married Miss Emily S. Stearns, who was also a native of Conway and a daughter of Joel Stearns. She bore him two sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity; namely, Francis, Israel, Nancy, and Emily. The mother also died in the seventy-fourth year of her age. Both parents were members of the Congregational church.

Francis Boyden remained with his parents, receiving a good practical education in the district school, and caring for his father and mother during their last days. At their death he inherited the farm, which then contained two hundred and twenty-seven acres, his father having added to the original estate by the purchase of between seventy-five and eighty acres of land. Like his father, he was

a successful agriculturist, and also profitably engaged in the business of a live-stock dealer. In politics he was a Republican, and took an active interest in the welfare of his town, which he served acceptably in office. He was a member of the Greenfield Agricultural Society. Francis Boyden died at forty-one years of age. His wife, Martha Jones Boyden, a daughter of Ira Jones, of Conway, is now—1895—living with her sons at the old homestead, aged forty-nine.

Charles L. Boyden has thus far spent his life on his birthplace, where he is successfully engaged in general farming, making a specialty of dairying. His farm is very productive, said to be one of the best in the State; and he has recently made substantial improvements by the erection of new buildings. On September 27, 1893, Mr. Boyden was united in marriage with Miss Mary Pfersick, daughter of John Pfersick, of Ashfield, Mass., where she was educated. Their union has been brightened by the birth of one child, Charles Sumner Boyden. In political affiliation Mr. Boyden is a Republican, and he and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Congregational church.

JEREMIAH PRATT MORGAN, who is practically retired from the active pursuits of life, has been a resident of Greenfield since the autumn of 1888, owning and occupying a fine and handsomely appointed house at 84 Federal Street. The reader will view with interest the portrait of this gentleman, which appears on the page opposite. He is a native of Franklin County, having been born September 15, 1827, at Northfield Farms, where his paternal grandfather, Noah by name, was an early settler.

Noah Morgan took up a tract of unimproved

land in that town, and from the almost pathless forest hewed out a good farm, on which he reared his large family of children. He was twice married, his first wife bearing him six children; and after her decease he formed a matrimonial alliance with Mrs. Mary (Holton) Robbins, the widow of Aaron Robbins, by whom she had six children. Of this second union six more children were born, one of them being Elisha Morgan, the father of him of whom we write; so that Noah Morgan's household included eighteen children. He was a man of superior intelligence and ability, sincere and upright, and with his wife belonged to the Universalist church. He lived to a good old age, but his widow survived him many years, attaining the remarkable age of ninety-seven or ninety-eight years.

Elisha Morgan was born on the paternal homestead at Northfield Farms in 1793, and was there reared to agricultural pursuits, to which he subsequently added the trade of a blacksmith, in the course of his life accumulating quite a goodly fortune; and, notwithstanding that he was defrauded of a portion of his hard-earned possessions, he left quite a valuable estate at his death in 1856. The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was wedded in 1815, was Harriet Ruggles. She was born in the town of Montague in 1795, being the daughter of a farmer of that place. Of their union ten children were born, and of these three sons and five daughters grew to maturity, and seven are now living, namely: Minerva, wife of James Dewing, a manufacturer of furniture at Orange, Mass.; Mary, wife of I. O. Luey, of Miller's Falls; Jeremiah P.; Marshall, who lives at Erving; Harriet, wife of Henry A. Pratt, a retired teacher; Elisha, a resident of Springfield; and Fidelia, the widow of Dr. Hoffman, who died in California in 1876. The mother sur-



JEREMIAH P. MORGAN.

vived her husband a score of years, dying in 1876. Both parents were people of robust constitution and fine physique, tall, well proportioned, and of erect figure, their mental and moral natures being as well developed as their physical. Religiously, they were firm believers in the faith in which they were reared, and were valued members of the Universalist church.

Jeremiah P. Morgan was graduated from the district school at the age of thirteen years, and at once began working in his father's shop, before long being able to make and set ox shoes, turn horse shoes, and do other work in iron. When seventeen years old, he carried on the shop for his father, the following year establishing a smithy of his own in the town of Montague, where he carried on a thriving business for some time. Since his retirement from active cares Mr. Morgan has rented his shops at Turner's Falls, and also the farm property belonging to him and his wife, although he looks after it closely, and works sufficiently at his old trade to keep in practice by shoeing the horses employed on the farm.

Mr. Morgan was married January 1, 1856, to Miss Eliza Adams, a native of Greenfield, and a daughter of Peleg and Lucinda (Hancock) Adams, the former a native of Longmeadow and the latter of Northbridge. The mother died in early life, in 1840, leaving a babe of six weeks, besides three older children, of whom Mrs. Morgan is the only one now living. Her father was subsequently twice married, but reared no other children. Mrs. Morgan's paternal grandfather, Andrew Adams, was born in Northbridge, and was a prominent merchant of that town for many years. He married Betsey Chapin, who bore him three sons and one daughter; and in 1803 he moved with his family to Greenfield, where

he purchased a large farm, containing several hundred acres. Mrs. Morgan now owns a portion of the estate, which, after his decease in 1826, was divided among the heirs. Mrs. Morgan is a woman of intellectual ability and cultivation. Having received a good academical education, she taught school six terms previous to her marriage. But one child has blessed their union, Elizabeth P. Morgan, a graduate of the Greenfield High School, now pursuing a course in French and English literature at the Prospect Hill School. Mr. Morgan is one of the esteemed citizens of Greenfield, progressive and practical in matters relating to the general welfare. He has served as Assessor, and was formerly a Republican in politics, but is at present a Populist.

LEWIS PORTER, the genial and popular landlord of the well-known Ashfield House, which is pleasantly located in the picturesque town of Ashfield, was born in the adjoining town of Hawley, July 28, 1837. In the annals of Franklin County the name of Porter has long held an honored place, it having first appeared here in 1774, when the Rev. Nehemiah Porter accepted the pastorate of the Congregational church at Ashfield. He was born in 1720 in Ipswich, Mass., was educated for the ministry, and was there engaged in clerical labors until he came to Ashfield, where he lived to a ripe old age. His children were: Nehemiah, John, Ebenezer, Joseph, Hannah, Samuel, Rebekah, and Sarah.

John, the second son, familiarly known as Deacon John Porter of the Congregational church, was the progenitor of the subject of this sketch and one of the progressive farmers of Ashfield during the first half of his long life. He subsequently removed to Leba-

non, N.Y., where he departed this life well advanced in years. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Mabel Flower, four children were born: Ebon, Mabel, Sally, and Ebenezer.

Ebenezer Porter learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, and followed this in connection with farming for many years, but later in life paid more attention to mechanical pursuits, for which he had a particular talent. He was a man of prominence in local affairs, a faithful member of the Whig party, and inclined to liberal views in religion. He was first married to Anna Phillips, who died in the prime of life, leaving six children: John, Levi, Philip, Joshua, Ebenezer, Jr., and Mary A. He subsequently married Eunice Avery, and they both rounded out long lives of more than fourscore years.

Ebenezer Porter, Jr., the father of Lewis, was born in Buckland, and there obtained a practical knowledge of agriculture as carried on in those days. In early manhood he bought a place in Hawley, on which he lived many years, engaged in general farming, and also working at his trade as wood turner. His last years were spent in South Deerfield, where he died, aged eighty-two years. His wife, formerly Sally Sprague, died when but thirty-seven years of age, having borne him six children, two of whom died in infancy, those living being: Achsah, Levi, Lewis, and Elizabeth. He was a man of great force of character, intelligent and progressive, was a sound Republican in politics, and liberal in religion.

Lewis Porter was an unusually bright and active lad, ambitious to begin earning money, and at the age of twelve years went into the cotton-mills at Colerain, where he worked ten years, being from time to time promoted until he reached the responsible position of overseer of the weaving department. He was next

employed at Haydenville, by the firm of Dawson, Warren & Hyde, in the manufacture of jewelry and gold pens, at which trade he became very skilful. He remained there until after the decease of the senior and junior partners, when he accompanied Mr. Warren, the remaining member of the firm, to New York City. Mr. Spadone was then taken in as partner; and the business continued under the firm name of Warren & Spadone, Mr. Porter being made superintendent of their works, a position which he filled with ability and fidelity, receiving a large salary therefor, in the succeeding seventeen years. Then, after engaging for four years in the brass department as a manufacturer, Mr. Porter came to Williamsburg, Mass., and for some years conducted the Orcutt House. In 1883, seizing an advantageous opportunity, he purchased the Ashfield House, which he has remodelled and enlarged, having built thirty-eight additional rooms, the house now containing fifty-seven, and having ample accommodations for eighty or more guests. It is largely due to his efforts that this beautiful town has become a summer paradise for people who seek relief from the dusty streets and parched pavements of the city. Mr. Porter has not only arranged and beautified the spacious grounds about his house, setting out handsome shrubs and shade trees; but, having bought the Malby lot, containing thirty-two acres, with a beautiful grove bordering on the lake, a short distance from the hotel, he has spent much time and money in adding to the charm of its natural scenic features. Mr. Porter has also enlarged the barns connected with the hotel, and has a fine livery. From all this it should go without saying that the Ashfield is a well-kept house, its proprietor an ideal host, ever attentive to the comfort and enjoyment of his patrons.

Mr. Porter was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Watkins, a daughter of Almiran Watkins, on October 2, 1862. She died at the early age of twenty-nine years, having given birth to twins on September 9, 1864. Lewis, the son, died in infancy. The daughter, Mary E., married Thomas Wells, of Williamsburg, and is the mother of six children, one of whom, Mary E., has passed to the life beyond. The names of the five living are as follows: Harry L., Howard, John, Perley, and Roger W. Mr. Porter subsequently married Ellen Wentworth, a daughter of William Wentworth; and of this union one child was born, Walter L., who married Anna Daniels. Mr. Porter takes much interest in his adopted town, and has contributed generously to enterprises conducive to its welfare and progress. In politics he is a steadfast Republican, though not an office-seeker. He is prominent in Masonic circles, belonging to the Hampshire Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Haydenville, to the Gate of the Temple, Royal Arch Masons, of Brooklyn, N.Y., to the Northampton Commandery, and to the Eastern Star Lodge.

ALTER W. CARPENTER, successfully engaged in general farming, stock-raising, and dairying in the town of Shelburne, owns and occupies one of the finest-improved farms within its limits. On March 22, 1833, he here first opened his eyes to the light of this beautiful world; and here he has since lived, a patriotic, useful, and valued citizen. Of his ancestral history but little is known.

His father, George W. Carpenter, was born in the town of Upton, and when a boy came to Shelburne, where he grew to man's estate. Industrious and frugal, he eventually saved

sufficient money to buy from Parker Dole the farm now occupied by the subject of this sketch; and he continued successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, at the age of seventy-five years. He enlisted in the service of his country in the War of 1812, going as far as Boston with the volunteers, but not being in active service. Politically, he was at first a Whig, but was identified with the Republican party from the time of its formation. His wife, Anna Dole Carpenter, was born on this same homestead, and here spent her life, her death occurring in the sixty-ninth year of her age. Both parents were sincere Christian people, belonging to the Congregational church, and being among its most generous supporters. Seven children were born to them, one of whom, Mrs. Maria Anderson, died at the age of forty years. The others are as follows: Sarah, widow of Alfred Andrews, living in Shelburne; Lydia, wife of Edwin Andrews, also a resident of Shelburne; Miss Bethiah Carpenter, of Winsted, Conn., an experienced and highly competent school-teacher, having taught successfully more than one hundred terms; Dorinda, widow of Orlo Smith, residing in Winsted, Conn.; George Parker Carpenter, the elder son, a resident of Williamstown; and Walter W., whose life story to date is briefly given below.

Walter W. Carpenter acquired a practical education in this his native town, completing his school life at the Shelburne Falls Academy. Being the youngest son, he was kept at home to assist on the farm; and, finding the occupation both profitable and pleasant to his tastes, he selected it as his life work, and has devoted his energies to the development and improvement of the homestead property, to the ownership of which he succeeded. It contains two hundred

acres of rich land, and in its management he has shown extraordinary skill and wisdom. In addition to tilling the soil, Mr. Carpenter pays a good deal of attention to raising fine graded stock, and keeps a large dairy, the two latter industries yielding him a goodly income. The house in which Mr. Carpenter lives is pleasantly located, commanding a fine view of the picturesque scenery of the surrounding country. It is a commodious brick structure and one of the oldest houses in this locality, having been erected by Parker Dole in 1812, and is still in excellent preservation.

On Thanksgiving Day, in 1861, Mr. Carpenter was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Wilder, a native of Shelburne, born in 1837, being a daughter of Joshua Wilder. Five children have been born into their pleasant household, but the Angel of Death crossed the threshold "ere sin could blight or sorrow fade," and bore to the bright land beyond two sons: George, seven years of age; and Francis, an infant of eleven weeks. The three children now living are: Maria, the wife of David Long, a farmer and sawyer, residing in Shelburne; Dorinda, wife of Charles Loomis, a carpenter and joiner, also in Shelburne; and Frank W., a farmer, residing on the parental homestead. Mr. Carpenter is a tried and true Republican, and has a good war record. He enlisted June 21, 1861, in Company H, Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Ozro Miller, and was at the forefront in the battles of Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, at the latter place being seriously wounded May 31, 1862, after which he was honorably discharged, being incapacitated from further service. He is liberal in his religious views; and Mrs. Carpenter, a woman of true worth, is a valued member of the Congregational church.

MIRON BROWN, a well-to-do farmer of Sunderland, Franklin County, Mass., was born in the adjoining town of Whately, August 2, 1830, son of Chester and Hattie Sanderson Brown, the former of whom was a native of the same place. Mr. Brown's great-grandfather, Edward Brown, emigrated, it is said, from England, first settling in Connecticut and later in Whately, where he passed the remainder of his life. John Brown, Mr. Brown's grandfather, was a Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, and after its termination followed agriculture as an occupation in Whately, where he attained to a prominent position among his fellow-townsmen, residing there until his decease.

Chester Brown was reared and educated in Whately, where he followed agriculture, and at the death of his father, Lieutenant Brown, succeeded to the possession of the homestead, on which he resided for many years. He died at the age of sixty-two years at the home of his son Miron in Canada. His wife was a daughter of Asa Sanderson, a farmer of Whately, where her grandfather was an early settler. She became the mother of thirteen children, five of whom are still living, namely: Almira, wife of William B. Hamilton; Lucy, wife of Edson Merritt; Miron, whose name heads the present sketch; Eliza, wife of Stephen Sanderson; and Mary, who married John White. The mother passed her declining years at Whately, where she died at the age of seventy-five.

Miron Brown commenced his education in the schools of Whately, and completed his studies at the Williston Seminary and the Shelburne Falls Academy. After attaining his majority, he was employed by his father for about a year in the manufacture of wagon shafts, rakes, broom and brush handles, and

then went to Toronto, Canada, where he established himself in the wholesale boot and shoe business, in which he continued for a period of ten years. At the expiration of that time, owing to the death of his father, he sold his business, and returned to the old homestead in Whately, whence he shortly moved to his present home in Sunderland, where he has a small farm of about thirty acres, which he devotes to the cultivation of tobacco and onions and to dairy interests.

In 1851 he was united in marriage to Eliza J. Sanderson, whose father, Samuel Sanderson, was a native and a lifelong resident of Whately. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have five children, as follows: Diana C.; Lizzie M., wife of Charles Marvin, of New York, and mother of four children—Bessie, Charles, Marguerite, and Julia; Ella, who married Frederick H. Osgood, and has four children—George, Vivian, Frederick, and Champion B.; Chester E., who wedded Kate Vale, and has one child, named Dorothy; Champion M.; and Henry D., who is now deceased. Mr. Brown was formerly a Republican in politics, but now votes with the Democratic party. He is a Master Mason, being connected with the lodge in Conway. In religious belief he is a Unitarian. The family attend the Congregational church.

HENRY S. SWAN, one of the leading business men of Shelburne Falls, a well-known and much esteemed public official, was born in Halifax, Vt., February 16, 1829, son of Salmon and Mar-iam (Harris) Swan. Salmon Swan was born in Marlboro, Vt., and there received his education. He settled in Halifax, Vt., where he purchased one hundred acres of uncultivated land, which he cleared and converted into a

homestead, building a good house and barn. As years went on he added to his property, and became quite a wealthy man. His wife, who was a native of Halifax, Vt., was the daughter of John Harris, of that town, a man of many accomplishments, who served in the Revolutionary War, winning quite a reputation in the army as a cook, was a civil engineer and a competent farmer. He was also quite a politician, and, when electioneering in behalf of a popular political candidate, fell from a bank, and was fatally hurt. He was a stanch Whig, active in the interests of his party; and in religious belief he was a Universalist. Mr. and Mrs. Swan had eight children—six girls and two boys.

Henry S. Swan received a good education, graduating from the high school in Halifax, Vt. At the age of twenty he started to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for twelve years. In 1853 he purchased some land, and built a house in Shelburne Falls, near Clement Street, and in this town was engaged as a builder for seven years. In 1860 he formed a partnership with H. A. Bowen; and the firm conducted a successful furniture business for two years, at the end of which period Mr. Swan purchased his partner's share. He built an addition to the building, and largely increased the trade, at that time doing some manufacturing. He now has the only furniture store in the town, and has an extensive patronage. He also takes contracts for paper-hanging, and is a competent undertaker.

On September 9, 1862, Mr. Swan was united in marriage to Miss Sophia M. Wilder, daughter of Israel Wilder. Their home has been blessed by six children, namely: George H., who married Mary Churchill, of Shelburne Falls, and has one child; Herbert W., residing in Shelburne Falls, married to Nellie

L. Blanchard; Minnie, wife of the Rev. F. W. Whippen, in St. Albans, Vt., who has five children; Carrie and Francis E., in Shelburne Falls, the former the wife of W. A. Johnson, and mother of three children; and Annie, who is with her parents.

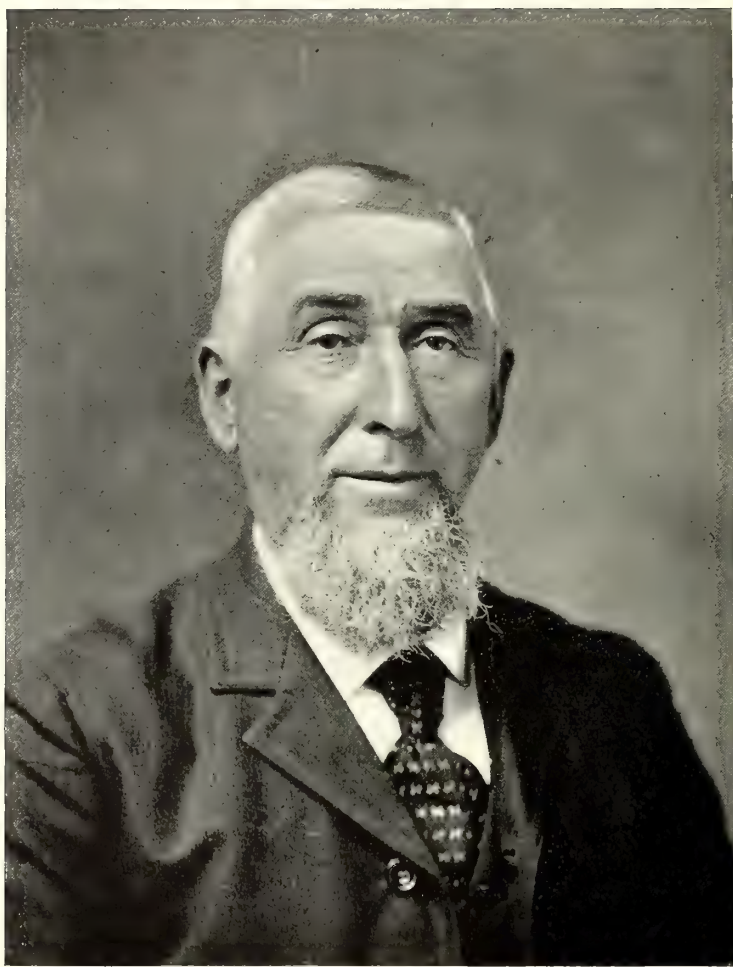
Mr. Swan is a staunch Republican, and has filled many offices. He has been Deputy Sheriff twenty-seven years, and has served as Selectman, Assessor, and Poor Master. He is active in all town affairs, and takes an especial interest in the fire department. Socially, he is a member of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and is Past Grand of Alethian Lodge, No. 128, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are active members of the Universalist church, he being a member of the finance committee. Mr. Swan has dealt extensively in real estate, and is at present a large property owner. His residence at 63 Bridge Street is beautifully located, overlooking the rapids.

EDMUND B. STEWART, a leading citizen of Colerain, prominent as a farmer and stock-raiser and as a member of one of the oldest families in the town to-day, was born here, October 26, 1835, son of Luther and Belinda (Barber) Stewart. He is of Scotch descent, tracing his lineage from the clan of Stewarts of Scotland, a race including the royal house of this name, from which many of the sovereigns of Europe have descended. Its progenitor was Walter Fitzalan, who was Lord High Steward of Scotland in the twelfth century; and, the office being made hereditary, the family thence derived its name. A noted early noble was John Stewart, Earl of Buchan, born about 1380. Some of the clan emigrated to the north of Ireland with other Scotch people after that country

had been brought under English rule, and lived there for two or three generations without intermarrying with the natives. The first of this branch of the family to come to America was John Stewart. He was one of sixteen men who, with their families, in 1719 began a settlement in New Hampshire, which they named Londonderry, from the famous city in the province of Ulster, Ireland.

The great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, bearing the family name of John Stewart, came to Colerain from New Hampshire at an early date, but died in New York State in August, 1818. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann McClellan, died in 1801. They had nine children, Enos, the grandfather of Edmund B., being the third. He had a farm of his own; and he carried his produce, together with that he bought in large quantities from the neighboring farmers, to the Boston market, realizing a generous income from his transactions. He was an old-time Whig, and was liberal in his religious views. His death occurred on November 29, 1856. His wife, to whom he was united on December 6, 1787, was Lucretia Clark, a member of one of the early families of Leyden which are now extinct, besides the Clarks being the Chandlers, the Taggerts, the Pecks, and the Morrisons. The latter were among the very first to make their home here, the Clarks coming a little later. Enos and Lucretia (Clark) Stewart had eight children, born between 1788 and 1807; namely, Lydia, Sally, Enos, Luther, William, Ann, Matilda, and Polly.

Luther Stewart was the fourth child born to his parents. His life was spent in Colerain; and, besides attending to his farming interests, he had a large lumber business, having established the mill now owned by Mr. Alexander. In 1820 or 1821 he moved on to the farm where Edmund B. Stewart now lives, and



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LUTHER STEWART.

here he completed the clearing of the land which his father had begun. At the start he had forty-five acres, to which he added until the estate covered one hundred and sixty acres besides land that he owned in other parts of the town. He was a very busy and successful man during his active life, and passed his last years in quiet retirement with his son Edmund B. He died December 30, 1885, nearly ninety years old. He was honest, truthful, and positive in his opinions of right; and he had no fellowship with what he esteemed wrong. The Bible was his study and counsellor, and we trust he has gone to inherit the rich promises of rest. His wife passed away in 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-five. Mr. Luther Stewart was a Republican in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had six children, five of whom are living, namely: Mary S., wife of B. A. Burnham, in Brattleboro, Vt.; Luther B., in Colerain; Maria F., wife of E. D. Alexander, of Colerain; Edmund B.; Juliet A., wife of J. P. Bell, of Colerain. Emma, wife of A. J. Dennison, is deceased.

Edmund B. Stewart grew to manhood on the home farm, receiving his education in the district school. At the age of twenty he went to work for himself in the saw-mill, remaining some three years. He then took charge of the homestead, and since coming into possession has permanently resided here. He has a large and pleasant home and good buildings, and he also owns quite an amount of real estate in the village of Brattleboro, Vt. His farm covers one hundred and sixty acres, and Mr. Stewart has every facility for general farming. He is engaged in sheep-raising to a considerable extent, and he has had some fine horses. He makes annually about fifteen hundred barrels of cider, in a good apple year

increasing the amount to two thousand. He deals wholly in sweet cider, finding market in the vicinity, in Boston, and in New York City.

On December 21, 1858, Mr. Stewart was married to Harriet, daughter of William Robertson, of Shelburne Falls, Mass., whose family history will be found under the names of Roswell B. and Charles Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart have no children. Politically, Mr. Stewart is a Republican. He has been a very busy man during his life, and material success has crowned his efforts. He takes a deep interest in the history of the place, and has a seemingly exhaustless fund of information in regard to people and events of the older time. A likeness of Mr. Stewart is appropriately placed in this portrait gallery of Franklin County worthies.

ANDREW BAKER, a well-to-do farmer of Wendell, was born in this town, August 13, 1841, son of Luther and Polly (Locke) Baker. Mr. Baker's father was a native of Hubbardston, and in his early years followed the trade of a cooper, at which he worked in Wendell for some time. He later adopted agriculture as a vocation, and settled upon a farm in Wendell, where he resided until his decease, which occurred at the age of sixty years. His wife, who was a daughter of Bezaleel Locke, of Wendell, became the mother of seven children, three of whom are still living: Roena, Andrew, and Edward. Mrs. Polly L. Baker was a member of the Baptist church, of which her husband was a Deacon. She died at the age of fifty-five years.

Andrew Baker commenced his education in the district schools; and, after pursuing more advanced studies at the New Salem Academy

and a private school in Orange, he taught school for some time in Pelham. On the death of his father he, in company with his brother, purchased the old homestead, where he resided for one season, and then came to his present home in 1865. He is a stanch Republican, has always taken an active interest in both local and State political issues, and has figured prominently in the town government, having served as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor for several years, and as Town Treasurer for a long period. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Montague.

In 1864 he was united in marriage to Ellen L. Stone, daughter of Luther and Lucy (Howe) Stone, and grand-daughter of Israel Stone, who was a well-known farmer of Wayland, Mass., being a lifelong resident of that town. Luther Stone made his home in Wayland until reaching the age of twenty-six, when he came to Wendell, and followed agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. His death occurred at the age of eighty-nine years. He was a member of the Board of Selectmen for many years, served as Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, and represented his district in the State legislature during the session of 1844. He was a member of the Congregational church. His wife, who was born in Henniker, N.H., and died in Montague at the age of sixty-seven years, was the mother of two children, as follows: Lucy, who married George Gemmell, of Montague City; and Ellen L., Mrs. Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have three children, namely: Alfred D., who married Nellie A. Whitcomb, and is now a prosperous farmer in the State of Maine; Rolan A., a carpenter, who married Emma L. Miles, of Templeton; and Ozro D., who makes his home with his parents, but is engaged at work in Greenfield.

Mr. Baker attends the Congregational church, of which his wife is a member; and he has been for some time past a member of the committee and treasurer of the parish.

CHARLES HOWES, an influential citizen of Ashfield, a well-known farmer and dealer in agricultural implements, was born in this town, December 14, 1833. He is the son of David S. and Abigail (Lilly) Howes, and grandson of Ezekiel and Rose (Vincent) Howes. On the paternal side he is descended from Thomas and Mary (Burr) Howes, the former of whom emigrated from England in 1637, and settled at Yarmouth, Mass., where he died in 1675, at the age of seventy-five years.

The lineage may be traced backward as follows: Thomas Howes, a sailor, father of Ezekiel, was a son of Joseph (third) and Mary (Howes) Howes; Joseph (third) was a son of Joseph (second) and Mary (Vincent) Howes; Joseph (second) was a son of Jeremiah and Sarah (Prince) Howes, the former a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Mayo) Howes, the last-named Joseph having been a son of Thomas and Mary (Burr) Howes, mentioned above. Ezekiel Howes, grandfather of Mr. Charles Howes, was born at Cape Cod in December, 1763, and died June 30, 1814. In early manhood he came to Ashfield on foot, and purchased a farm, after which he returned to Cape Cod, and on March 10, 1791, married Rose Vincent, who was born July 20, 1768. They made their home at Ashfield in a log house which he had erected for himself and bride. Their children were: Thomas, Mehitable, Willard, William, Ezekiel, George, Deborah, Philipa, David S., and Charles.

David S. Howes, who was born March 2, 1809, succeeded to the possession of the old

homestead of one hundred and ten acres, and there continued to reside for many years, becoming a prosperous farmer. He engaged quite extensively in manufacturing lumber, having saw-mills located on his farm, and has been an active and progressive man in both agricultural and other pursuits. He made many improvements upon his farm, and has been famous as a breeder of fine cattle. In 1894 he was compelled by failing health and advanced age to relinquish labor and move to the village. He is a Republican in politics, and has always been prominent in the local government. In 1866 he represented his district in the legislature. He is a man of remarkable physical and mental vigor, and liberal in his religious views. He married for his first wife on April 25, 1831, Abigail Lilly, who became the mother of two children, as follows: Harriet, born May 17, 1832, now the wife of Lewis Church; and Charles, the subject of this sketch. After the death of his first wife he wedded for his second Ellen Ashley. His old farm is now owned by A. Wiley.

Charles Howes was well educated in the schools of his native town, and at an early age was associated with his father in both farming and lumbering. He purchased and cleared many acres of timber land, and at the age of thirty-three years engaged in business alone, in which he has been successful, having carried on saw-mills of his own. In 1872 he purchased the Samuel Howes farm, consisting of about two hundred acres of valuable land, situated near Ashfield village, where he now resides. He has remodelled the buildings and erected a carriage-house, besides making various other improvements. His farm is the best within the radius of many miles, and is devoted to dairy interests and the raising of choice cattle and sheep. He also deals in all kinds of improved agricultural implements.

On November 3, 1858, he was united in marriage with Sarah Lilly, daughter of Lorenzo and Mary (Bassett) Lilly. Her parents, who were of Scotch ancestry, settled on a farm in South Ashfield in the latter part of last century, Mr. Lilly living to reach a good old age. His children were: Eliakin, Amelia, Sarah, Charles, and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Howes have had three children, one of whom, a daughter, Alice, died at the age of seven years. The survivors are: Allison G., born December 13, 1868; and Albert L., born May 13, 1876. Mr. Howes is a Republican in politics, has served as a Selectman, Overseer of the Poor, and Assessor for the past seventeen years, and in 1889 represented his district in the legislature. He is also County Commissioner.

MRS. NANCY M. HOVEY, of Greenfield, widow of George H. Hovey, is a daughter of David and Sarah (Dickman) Willard, the former of whom was a native of Greenfield, the latter of Springfield, Mass. David Willard, after being graduated from Dartmouth College, entered the legal profession. He was a man of fine intelligence, and displayed considerable literary ability, being the author of an interesting history of Greenfield. Of his ten children but three are now living, namely: Nancy M.; Robert E., of Pittsfield; and Henry C., a resident of Greenfield.

Nancy M. Willard attended the academy in Bernardston, and resided with her uncle, the late Henry W. Cushman, who was formerly Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, and whose widow is still living in Greenfield. Later she became the wife of George H. Hovey, who was a native of Canaan, N.H., and a son of Daniel and Hannah (Harris)

Hovey. His grandfather, Daniel Hovey, Sr., was a Revolutionary soldier, who was captured, and was for a time held prisoner in Quebec. He was a man of marked characteristics, and died in New Hampshire at an advanced age. Daniel Hovey, Jr., was for many years a regular physician at Lyme, N.H.; but failing health compelled him to relinquish a large practice and move to Greenfield, Mass., where he opened a drug store in company with his two sons, George H. and Arthur S. His wife, who was a native of Canaan, N.H., was the mother of three sons and one daughter, of whom the only survivor is Maria, wife of J. K. Hosmer, of Brooklyn, N.Y. Daniel Hovey, Jr., died in Greenfield, aged eighty-one; and his wife died at the age of eighty-three years.

George H. Hovey entered Dartmouth College, but his father's impaired health caused him to abandon his studies and return to his home in Greenfield. He was a highly respected citizen and a member of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Hovey died December 21, 1891, aged seventy-two years, leaving a fine estate.

EDWARD A. GODDARD, Postmaster at Orange and an ex-Representative to the legislature, was born in this town on October 28, 1845. He is a son of Josiah and Miranda (White) Goddard, and grandson of Henry and Anna (Davis) Goddard. Henry Goddard was an extensive farmer of Royalston, Mass., and lived to reach the good old age of ninety years, his wife's death having occurred at the age of seventy. Their children were: Mahala; Josiah; Davis; Anna and Amanda, who were twins; Sanford; and Susan.

Josiah Goddard was born at Royalston on April 6, 1805, and received his education in

the public schools. At the age of nineteen he bought his time, and went to Boston to engage in the trucking business, which he successfully followed for five years, subsequently coming to Orange, where he purchased a farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres, situated about two miles from the village. He followed agriculture with profitable results, and became a breeder of fine cattle and sheep. In politics he was formerly a Whig, later joining the Republican party, and was active in the town government. He served as a Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, represented his district in the legislature during the years 1840 and 1841, and was County Commissioner for eleven years, holding that office at the time of his death, which occurred in 1859. Josiah Goddard married a daughter of Elisha White, a former resident of Orange, who moved to Londonderry, Vt., where he became a famous bridge builder in the days of wooden structures, a great deal of his work still existing in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Mrs. Josiah Goddard died at the age of eighty-two years. Her children were: Josiah H., Henry D., Emily M., Mary A., Hattie A., Susan M., William H., and Edward A.

Edward A. Goddard commenced his education in the schools of Orange, and, after completing his studies at the Westfield Academy, pursued a business course at the New Haven Commercial College. He then entered the store of Davis Goddard at Orange as clerk, serving in that capacity until 1865, when he purchased the business, and conducted a general country store for five years. He then sold out to engage in the manufacture of furniture at Orange with H. H. Whitney. After being burned out two years later, he purchased the water-power at Wendell Depot, which he utilized by the construction of a dam and the



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erection of a saw and grist mill, and has since conducted a large and profitable business, handling Western grains. He likewise invested in timber lands; and, after continuing successfully as a lumber manufacturer for seven years, he equipped the mills with machinery for producing pulp and paper, and at the expiration of five years sold his plant. He next turned his attention to the improvement of the water-power at Warwick Creek, where he erected a saw-mill. He has also cleared a farm of sixty acres.

On January 6, 1869, Mr. Goddard was united in marriage to Miss Ella Holmes, daughter of the Rev. L. Holmes, a present resident of Webster, Mass. Mrs. Goddard was born in Thompson, Conn., on June 14, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard have three children, as follows: Josiah Holmes Goddard, a boot and shoe merchant of Boston; Susan Ella, now in Wellesley College; and Lucinda Marinda, who is at home with her parents. Mr. Goddard resides at the old Davis Goddard homestead on East Main Street.

Mr. Goddard received his appointment as Postmaster in April, 1892, and, although he is a Republican in politics, still holds that position, in which he gives most perfect satisfaction. He has also served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor for nine years; and in 1890 and 1891 he was a Representative in the legislature. He is well advanced in the Masonic fraternity, being a member of the Orange Lodge, Crescent Chapter, and Orange Commandery.

MR. LUCY C. REDFIELD TOWNSEND, of Conway, Mass., a lady well known in this vicinity and highly esteemed, having been an efficient teacher in years gone by, was born in Phelps,

N.Y., daughter of Silas and Harriet (Bartlett) Redfield. Her paternal grandfather, Ebenezer Redfield, was one of the pioneer settlers of Conway, where he secured a tract of land, on which he erected his humble log house, about half a mile south of the present village, near it being a natural fort, whence they used to watch the Indians. He married Miss Mehitable Dickenson, and lived to the age of seventy-three years.

Silas Redfield, who was born September 16, 1783, on the old homestead near Conway village, remained with his parents until his marriage, when he removed to Phelps, N.Y., making the journey by team, and carrying his household goods in a wagon. On arriving there, he took up a tract of fifty acres of land, on which he first erected a log cabin; but later on he built a substantial frame house, and made other improvements. He there successfully engaged in general farming up to his death, which occurred when he was but fifty-two years of age. His wife, Harriet Bartlett Redfield, who was a daughter of Jeduthan and Mercy Bartlett, reared five daughters: Lucinda, Eliza M., Jeanette, Mercy S., and Lucy C. After her husband's death she returned with her children to Conway, where she died at seventy-eight years of age.

Lucy C. Redfield acquired her education in the district schools of Conway and at the academy in this town. That she was both studious and apt to learn may be judged from the fact that at fourteen years of age, being proficient in the common English branches, she engaged in school teaching. She received at first — the time being a few years "before the war" — one dollar and thirty-three cents per week; and for fourteen years she was successfully engaged in this vocation, for which she was admirably fitted, both by natural and acquired ability. On January 20, 1870, she

was united in marriage with Chauncey G. Townsend, son of William Townsend and grandson of David Townsend. Mr. Townsend previous to his marriage was engaged as a teacher in Conway and vicinity, and also in the high schools of New Jersey. He then entered mercantile business; and this he followed with success for fifteen years, in connection therewith managing a farm, of which he was the owner.

Mr. Townsend showed his loyalty to the Union by faithful service in Company D, Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteers, as a soldier of the Civil War; and after its close he was one of the principal leaders in the organization of F. A. Clary Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Conway. He was also a member of Morning Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M. Mr. Townsend died February 10, 1885; and his funeral rites were conducted by his Post, his remains being buried in Howland Cemetery. Fitly numbered among the "helpers of the people," his name is held in honored remembrance. His portrait, accompanying this sketch, will be recognized with pleasure by many friends and acquaintances.

FRANK H. CHANDLER, a popular and progressive dry-goods merchant of Shelburne Falls, was born in Newstead, Erie County, N.Y., March 26, 1860, son of Joseph W. and Adaline (Goodnow) Chandler. His grandfather, the Rev. Amariah Chandler, who was a native of Massachusetts, in young manhood went to Middlebury, Vt., where he studied under the direction of Dr. Packard, preparatory to entering college. He labored diligently to earn money to defray his expenses, was at length graduated with honor from Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., and later became a Congregational min-

ister, first settling in Waitsfield, Vt., and subsequently in Greenfield, Mass., where he preached continuously for twenty-five years. He purchased a small farm in the vicinity of Greenfield, which he took great pleasure in cultivating, and died there, aged eighty years. The children of the Rev. Amariah Chandler were as follows: Slatterly, Amariah, Jr., Joseph W., Abigail, Cynthia, and Susan.

Joseph W. Chandler was born in Colerain, Mass., in 1815, and in young manhood learned the shoemaker's trade. He also followed the occupation of tanner and currier, but in his later years returned to his first trade, his specialty being fine, hand-made work. He moved from Colerain to Newstead, N.Y., and thence to Waitsfield, Vt., and finally settled in Shelburne Falls, where he resided until his death, which occurred on May 30, 1895. His wife, Adaline Goodnow Chandler, daughter of Thomas Goodnow, became the mother of six children, as follows: Amariah, who married Lida Waldon, and resides in Shelburne Falls; Stephen H., who married Maggie Crane, and died at the age of thirty-eight, leaving two children—Frank W. (deceased) and Anna N.; Gilbert W., a resident of Shelburne Falls; an infant; Anna W., who married S. D. Roudenbush, of Greenfield; and Frank H., the principal subject of the present sketch.

Frank H. Chandler was educated at Shelburne Falls, and after leaving the high school entered the Mayhew Tool and Bit Manufactory, where he learned the art of bit-making. He then became a clerk in the grocery store of G. A. Bates & Sons, with whom he remained four years, and in 1888 purchased the dry-goods store of L. M. Packard, which he has since conducted with satisfactory financial results. Mr. Chandler is connected with Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd

Fellows, and the Sons of Veterans. He is business manager of the Shelburne Falls Cornet Band, a member of the prudential committee of the fire department and of the Board of Trade, a useful and valued citizen.

On October 9, 1882, Mr. Chandler was united in marriage with Lizzie Stephens, daughter of John and Caroline (Mayell) Stephens, of Buckland. John Stephens, who was a mechanic, died at the age of seventy-two. His wife, several years younger, still survives him. Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are members of the Congregational church.

CHARLES A. WILLIAMS, an extensive manufacturer of lumber at Warwick, where he operates steam saw-mills, was born in this town on May 9, 1849. His father, Melzar Williams, was also a native of Warwick; and his grandfather resided here for many years, having raised a large family of children. He died in 1840 or 1841, at the age of seventy-eight years. Melzar Williams followed for several years the occupation of a clothier, carding wool and dressing cloth. He subsequently purchased a farm, upon which he resided for the remainder of his life, dying in 1886, at the age of eighty-five years. He married for his second wife Rachel Hill, of Litchfield, N.H.; and of their four children two are now living: Joseph and Charles A. The mother passed her later years in Warwick, and died at the age of about forty-eight years.

Charles A. Williams's boyhood was passed in assisting his father upon the farm and attending the district schools, in which he secured a practical education. When about twenty-five years of age, he married, and purchased a farm in the vicinity of his father's property, where he resided until 1890, at

which time he sold it, and moved to his present residence in the village. Since coming of age he has been interested in the lumber business to a greater or less extent, and in 1887 purchased a steam-mill for the purpose of entering more fully into the manufacture of lumber. He cuts and hauls timber from the woods, and prepares all kinds of lumber for the local market. His business has gradually assumed large proportions, and, being well managed, yields good returns.

In 1875 he was united in marriage to Miss Aridil Putnam, of Winchester, N.H., and five of their six children are now living; namely, George, Eva, Elsie, Bernice, and Chester. Mr. Williams is a Republican in politics, and has served as Selectman for six years, also as a member of the School Board and Collector. He is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Orange.

FRED H. AMSDEN, an enterprising and prosperous dry-goods merchant of Shelburne Falls, was born in Athol, Mass., June 8, 1857, son of Washington H. and Chloe A. (Gates) Amsden, and grandson of Jacob Amsden

Washington H. Amsden was born in Dana, Mass., and on leaving school worked for a short time as clerk in a store. He then engaged in the manufacture of sashes, blinds, and doors at Athol in company with his brother; and after the death of the latter, who was accidentally killed, he carried on the business alone for the remainder of his life, supplying his customers with first-class goods, and prospering in worldly affairs. At his death, which occurred in 1886, when he was sixty-one years old, he left a fine home and a flourishing business. In politics he was a Republican, and was Selectman, Assessor,

and Poor Master in the town. In 1884 he was sent to the legislature as Representative from his district. For many years he was Director of the Athol Bank, and in the Unitarian church he was a prominent member. His children were: Otho F., who carries on the manufacturing business in Athol, and has been twice married, and has one child by the first wife and one, a daughter, by the second wife; Fred H., of Shelburne Falls; Festus G., a merchant in Athol; and Anna M., who lives at the parental home.

Fred H. Amsden received a fair education in the schools of Athol, and in his eighteenth year started in life as his father did, working as clerk for Holbrook & Twichell for a year. He then went to Andover Academy to finish his studies, and on his return engaged as clerk for W. Thorp, with whom he remained about a year. Making practical use of the knowledge and experience gained during his clerkship, Mr. Amsden next opened a dry-goods store at Hornellsville, N.Y., in company with S. E. Brooks. This business they conducted for one year, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Amsden then returned to Athol with his stock of goods, and opened a store there. In 1881 he removed to Shelburne Falls, locating his business in the Cummings Block, and in 1883 moved into the Fields Block, where he occupies two floors, his store being the largest in the village, and giving employment to several clerks.

In June, 1885, Mr. Amsden was united in marriage to Madeline M., daughter of H. A. Bowen, and their home has been brightened by three children, namely: Robert B., born May 13, 1886; Ruth, born September 20, 1889; and Howard L., born December 1, 1891. Mr. Amsden votes the Republican ticket. He is a member of the local Board of Trade and an active worker for village im-

provement. He and his family attend the Universalist church, to the support of which he liberally contributes. Socially, he is a member of Mountain Lodge, A. F. & A. M. His residence on Maple Street, which he built in 1889, is the handsomest in the village, with its beautiful grass-covered lawn and broad, smooth driveway.

RRAMEL MOORE, a wagon and carriage manufacturer, whose place of business is at the corner of School and Ames Streets, Greenfield, Mass., his work being noted throughout Western Massachusetts for its excellence and superiority, has been a resident of this village for the past thirty years, and is held in high respect. He was born in Rutland, Worcester County, Mass., July 5, 1836, and is a son of Enoch Moore, who was born in 1799.

Jonas Moore, the father of Enoch, was formerly a resident of Greenfield, having been for many years the proprietor of the Greenfield Poor Farm, which he owned, and sold for that purpose. He married a Miss Wheelock, who bore him five sons and three daughters, each of whom married and reared a family. Both the grandparents rounded out a long period of life, each living eighty-five years, dying in 1850, within a week of each other. They were people of high moral character and sincerely religious, although not worshipping at the same altar, he being a Universalist in belief and she a Congregationalist.

Enoch Moore worked as a blacksmith during his earlier years, and, being industrious and prudent, accumulated enough money to buy in 1844 a farm in Bernardston, where he was thenceforth engaged in agricultural labor. His first wife, whom he married in 1822, was



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Almira Williams, of Rutland, Mass. She bore him eight children — three sons and five daughters — all of whom, with the exception of one son, grew to adult life, the following being yet alive: Mary C., widow of Henry Dunham, of Greenfield; Emily, wife of William Starks, of East Hartford, Conn.; and Orramel, whose history is here recorded. The mother died October 27, 1857, aged fifty-seven years; and the father, who was subsequently married again, died in 1885, leaving his widow with a small property. The parents were Congregationalists in religion, and lived lives consistent with their faith.

Orramel Moore received a good common-school education; and, having inherited a taste for mechanical pursuits, he began at the age of sixteen years to learn blacksmithing from his father. Four years afterward he went to Springfield, where he worked at his trade, at one dollar and a half a day, for two years. Returning to the parental homestead, Mr. Moore engaged in business with his father for two years, going then to Killingly, and in 1860 locating at Danielsonville, Conn., being in business for himself the first year. The second year he worked by the day, and the following year again started for himself, remaining there until 1865. On the 14th of April, the very day of the assassination of President Lincoln, he removed to Greenfield, buying the property of Abner Pratt on Davis Street, where he carried on his trade for three years. In 1868, in company with Mr. Withey, he bought his present stand, and established the manufacture of carriages and wagons, in which he has since been engaged, the firm being the first few years known as Moore & Withey. In 1880 Mr. Moore sold out to his partner, for whom he worked the next ten years, and in addition thereto dealt extensively in horses. In 1890 Mr. Moore

bought out the interest of his employer, and has since conducted the enterprise alone. He employs from eight to twelve hands, keeping them all busy at manufacturing or repairing, his specialty being the fine and ornamental work of sleighs, wagons, and all kinds of carriages; and he also handles sale work.

Mr. Moore was first married on January 1, 1857, to Miss Esther Boswell, of Rhode Island, who became the mother of four children — two sons and two daughters. The sons both died in infancy; and one daughter, Gertie, lived but seven years. The other daughter, Nellie, resides with her husband, H. F. Skillings, in the vicinity of Boston, they having one child. Mrs. Esther B. Moore died in September, 1874, at thirty-four years of age; and six years later Mr. Moore was united in marriage with Mrs. Kate F. Allen Cobb, a widow. Mrs. Moore had one daughter by a former marriage, Eva May Cobb, who was graduated from the Greenfield High School and from the Springfield Business College, and is now book-keeper for her step-father. In this capacity she is of great assistance to Mr. Moore, being fully competent to look after the interests of the business in his absence. Politically, Mr. Moore is a steadfast Republican, but he has thus far escaped office. He and his family are members of the Congregational society of Greenfield.

EDWARD E. TODD, an extensive lumber dealer and farmer in Charlemont, was born in this town, May 23, 1840, son of Eli and Mary (Legate) Todd. His grandparents, Solomon and Lydia (Sackett) Todd, were both natives of North Haven, Conn., in which place Solomon started in life as a farmer, in 1811 buying the farm on which his grandson, Uriah Todd, now lives.

This land was at that time in a wild state, and Grandfather Todd had before him a herculean task when he attempted to clear a homestead from the wilderness. But he had a strong constitution and an indomitable will, and prosperity smiled upon him. He was extensively engaged in stock-raising, his wild land affording fine pasture for his flocks and herds, and at the end of his long life of ninety-nine years and eleven months left a comfortable property of two hundred acres of land, well stocked and fitted for farming purposes. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were communicants of the Episcopal church. They had a large family, Eli being the third in order of birth.

Eli Todd was born in 1793 at North Haven, Conn. At the age of twenty he made his first financial venture, purchasing a farm in Charlemont near his father's estate, which he sold in order to buy the James Mann place, covering five hundred acres, which his son now owns. He was extensively engaged in stock-raising, and also built a saw-mill, which had a large annual output of lumber. Like his father, he voted the Democratic ticket, and with his wife attended the Congregational church. He lived to be ninety-two years old, she having passed away at the age of seventy-seven. They had eight children.

Edward E., the fifth son of Eli Todd, attended school at the Shelburne Falls Academy, and completed his education at Bernardston Academy. At the age of sixteen he took charge of a school, and taught successfully for two or three years, afterward keeping books a while for a railroad contractor. He bought the homestead shortly after attaining his majority, and applied himself with energy to the task of cultivating the farm. He raises large flocks of sheep and choice stock. Five years ago he leased the Hawkes mills on Cold

River, and has since carried on an extensive lumbering business, employing a large force of men and several teams. Mr. Todd is a man of good business ability, and has achieved an enviable reputation for the quality of the commodities in which he deals and for his general reliability.

He was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Taintor, daughter of Josiah Taintor. Mrs. Todd's father met a tragic death on the railroad in comparatively early life. Mr. and Mrs. Todd have welcomed to their home five children, namely: Ernest B., who lives with his parents; Rena, wife of J. D. Horton; Effie and Ella, who are teaching school; and Walter, who died in childhood. Mr. Todd votes with the Republican party, and is a prominent man in his district, having served as Representative and in other official positions. He is a member of the Orthodox Congregational church.

Mr. Todd's friends will be glad to greet his counterfeit presentment which accompanies this sketch.

ALBERT WITHERELL, a prosperous farmer, owns a spacious and well-cultivated farm in the town of Warwick, where he has resided since 1854. His birth occurred at Foxboro, Norfolk County, Mass., on February 16, 1818; and he is a son of Benjamin Witherell, a native of the adjoining town of Mansfield, Bristol County, Mass., a lifelong farmer. Benjamin Witherell married Ruth Seeley, of Easton; and they raised a large family of children, of whom Mr. Albert Witherell is now the only survivor. Mrs. Ruth S. Witherell died in Mansfield at the age of forty-three years.

The boyhood of Albert Witherell was passed in the above-named town, where he received his education at the district schools,

and at an early age turned his attention to agriculture. Later he managed a boarding-house. He also peddled groceries and various notions, subsequently moving to Warwick, and purchasing his present farm of one hundred and forty acres, which he proceeded to clear and improve, and which he has since devoted to general farming with the most satisfactory results. On March 19, 1840, he married Rosemma Davis, a native of the State of Maine, and daughter of James Davis, a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Witherell have been blessed with six children, as follows: Helen, who married Samuel Hastings, of Warwick, a Representative to the legislature from this district; Henry, a traveling man in the West, who wedded Elizabeth Young, of Warwick, and has two children—Winifred and Benjamin; George E., an engineer of Hartford, Conn., who married Mary Hildreth, and has one child—George; Frank E. who married Rose Dudley, daughter of George Dudley, a boat builder and a well-known resident of this town; Edward E., who married Mary Goodwin, of this town, and has one child, named Carl; and Ida C., wife of Frank P. Atkinson, a farmer and boarding-house keeper of Swansea, they having one child, named Mary.

Frank E. Witherell acquired the trade of a builder, his father having been engaged to a considerable extent in that work, and for the past twenty years has erected many houses both in this locality and at Orange. His brother Edward is in business with him, the firm being known as Witherell Brothers; and they have just completed a substantial town house for this village, a fine dwelling-house at Grand View Farm, and have a large number of contracts for the present year. Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Witherell have four children: George A., Edith R., Atta J., and

Grace. They reside on a part of the old homestead.

Mr. Witherell, Sr., voted for William H. Harrison in 1840, and has been a Republican since the formation of the party, having taken considerable interest in public affairs, serving both as a member of the School Board and Road Surveyor. His son, Frank E., is also a Republican in politics. Mr. Albert Witherell is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and of the Congregational church.

JAMES DEAN AVERY, a prominent farmer of Buckland and President of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, was born at East Charlemont, February 10, 1848. His father, David Avery, was born upon the same farm, January 19, 1805; and his grandfather, Amos Avery, was born at Montville, Conn., March 10, 1755. Amos Avery was a son of Abner and Elizabeth (Bill) Avery, an extended account of whose ancestors may be found in the genealogical works by Howe De Lois Sweet.

David Avery was reared to agricultural pursuits, and succeeded to the ownership of the homestead. He improved the excellent water-power on his premises by operating a saw and grist mill in connection with farming. He has resided upon this farm nearly his entire life, is still hale and hearty, attending church regularly. His wife, Prudence Dean, whom he married on May 23, 1839, was born on December 20, 1817, daughter of Christopher Dean, of Colerain. Mr. and Mrs. Avery have passed fifty-six years of married life, and their seven children are as follows: Adeline R., Francis D., Henry G., James D., Adelaide F., William B., and David Ellsworth.

James D. Avery attended the schools of his

native town, and after a course of study at the Westfield Normal School completed his education at Williston Seminary, Easthampton. He resided with his parents until he attained his majority, when he went to Shelburne Falls, where for one year he was employed in a gimlet factory. The succeeding two years were occupied in tilling the soil on the farm which he now owns and successfully carries on, his stock being always of the best breeds. He has a flock of two hundred sheep, eighteen of which are thoroughbred Southdowns; and he also owns a yoke of oxen which are claimed to be the finest in the world. These superb animals are of Holstein breed, perfectly matched as to size and color, their combined weight being six thousand, one hundred pounds. Mr. Avery is also engaged in handling wood and lumber.

He has filled the town offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, and is now serving his second term as President of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. He was a member of the State Board of Agriculture from 1890 to 1893. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Avery was married on May 6, 1873, to Miss Emma J. Packard, daughter of Orrick and Sophia (Kendrick) Packard, of East Charlemont. They have one son, Francis Dean Avery. Mrs. Avery is a member of the Congregational church.

FRANK J. WOOD, of Shelburne Falls, an extensive dealer in horses, was born in Buckland, July 3, 1856, son of Theodore and Lucy (Pratt) Wood. Mr. Wood's grandparents were Lyman and Elmira (Hook) Wood, who were early settlers in the town of Buckland, and lived to an advanced age. Theodore Wood was born in Buckland, June 2, 1826. For several years in early manhood

he engaged in the manufacture of wooden boxes, and then entered the employ of William Sherwood, of Shelburne Falls, with whom he acquired a knowledge of the jewelry trade. He travelled for a few years, selling jewelry and silverware, and later was successfully engaged in mercantile business at Shelburne Falls. He purchased the post-office block, which he remodelled and enlarged, and became the owner of other property. Later in life he was forced by failing health to seek out-of-door employment, and he turned his attention to cutting and manufacturing lumber. He was liberal in his religious views and a Republican in politics. Theodore Wood died in Shelburne Falls in 1890, aged sixty-four years, his wife, who was a daughter of Emmons Pratt, of Buckland, having passed away at the age of thirty-four. She was the mother of four children, as follows: Juan C., Minnie E., Charles, and Frank J.

After completing his studies at the Shelburne Falls Academy, Frank J. Wood commenced to learn the jewelry business with his father. He had a natural fancy for horses; and, as soon as circumstances permitted and an opportunity presented itself, he went into the livery business on a small scale. He first leased the N. Lamson barn, and opened a livery and baiting stable, which he managed for six years, and then purchased the Toby barn, situated on the Buckland side of the river, where he carried on business for three years, and since 1885 has been associated with I. A. Guilford in carrying on sale stables both in Shelburne Falls and Northampton, the firm dealing in both Western and Canadian horses, and selling about one thousand per year. He is considered an excellent judge of horse flesh, and is a thoroughly reliable man.

On December 31, 1889, Mr. Wood married Lizzie M. Fellows, daughter of Robert and

Huldah S. (Woodard) Fellows, and has four sons: Robert F., Frank S., Howard H., and Donald G. Mr. Wood is a Republican in politics and a liberal in religion, Mrs. Wood being a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

DAVID NEWHALL, of Conway, was born at Shelburne, Mass., May 30, 1848. His father, Ormand David Newhall, was born at Deerfield; but the birthplace of his grandfather, Nathan Newhall, is unknown. He, however, moved from Deerfield to Shelburne, and purchased a farm in the vicinity of Bardwell's Ferry, upon which he resided for the remainder of his life. He married Gratia Bardwell, and they had a family of five children.

Ormand D. Newhall followed agricultural pursuits in the town of Shelburne until his death, which occurred at the age of forty-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Wells, was a daughter of Captain Walter Wells, of Shelburne, who for many years kept a tavern, which was located upon the road leading from that town to Greenfield. Mrs. Ormand D. Newhall passed onward to her rest at the age of seventy-two years. Her children were: Walter W., Jane, David, and Emily.

David Newhall acquired his education in the public schools of Shelburne and at Eastman's Business College at Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Adopting farming as an occupation, he resided in his native town until after his marriage, when he moved to Conway, and settled upon the farm where he now resides. The property, which is situated upon high ground in the north-west part of the town, is exceedingly valuable on account of its healthy location and the fertility of the soil. The residence is substantially built; and the

barn is spacious, being three stories high. Mr. Newhall is a Republican in politics. He has served as Selectman for seven years, during the past four of which he has been chairman of the board. He is a member of the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

In 1876 Mr. Newhall was united in marriage to Mrs. Jennie Frances (Totman) Boyden, daughter of Joshua and Hannah Totman, of Conway. At the age of eighteen Mrs. Newhall commenced teaching school; and one year later she was married to her first husband, Israel G. Boyden, who was a native of Conway, son of Josiah and Emily (Stearns) Boyden. He followed agriculture successfully until his death, which occurred when he was thirty-eight years of age. He left two children; namely, Hattie S. Boyden and Israel G. Boyden, Jr. The three children of Mr. and Mrs. Newhall are: Emily, Lorrin David, and Alice Frances.

HORACE A. SMITH, a well-known and prosperous citizen of Rowe, in the north-west corner of Franklin County, Mass., was born in Amherst, Hampshire County, October 19, 1825, son of Rufus and Elizabeth (Browning) Smith. The former, who was a son of Ebenezer Smith, was a shoemaker by trade, and was also proprietor of the hotel at Welington, adding still more to his income by taking care of the estate of a sea captain during the owner's absence. He was in comfortable circumstances, and lived to be eighty-three years old. Rufus Smith was twice married, and had five children by his first wife, Achsah Ingraham, and by his second wife, Elizabeth Browning, two: Elizabeth; and Horace A., the subject of this biography.

Horace A. Smith when five years of age

was taken by his uncle, Hanson Browning, who cared for him until he was twenty-one. He worked at farming until twenty-four years old, then learned the carpenter's trade, and afterward went to work in a saw-mill, finally buying a mill, which he managed himself. This he at length sold at a good profit, and bought the business of a painter in Montague, which he finally disposed of, in order to buy the farm of twenty acres in Rowe on which he now resides. Mr. Smith ran the stage from Rowe to Zoar for thirteen years, carrying the mail; and his varied experience in different lines of business has given him a wide knowledge of men and things, and made him a man of many resources.

On May 6, 1857, he was married to Martha A., daughter of Silas and Emily (Thayer) Logan, of Deerfield, and grand-daughter of James and Lucy (Ward) Logan. James Logan was born in Ireland, and at the time of the French and Indian War was impressed by the English, and brought to Canada to fight in the ranks of the British army. At the end of the war he escaped from Canada, and came to New England, settling in Paxton, Mass., and later moving to Greenfield. Having broken away from British rule, he severed all connection with his native land, and formed lasting affiliations in the new country, becoming "an American of the Americans." He and his wife, Emily, whose maiden name was Thayer, lived to a good age, rearing four children: William, Catherine, Silas, and Anna. Silas Logan, Mrs. Smith's father, was born in Paxton, Mass., March 14, 1782. He was a cooper by trade, and travelled a great deal both in Canada and the United States, but finally settled on a farm in Vernon, Vt., living to be over eighty-three. His wife died at the age of eighty-one. Of their union four children were born: Martha A., Emma E.,

Manning, and Silas M. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Smith have had two children, the elder of whom, a son, Harry M., born July 6, 1858, passed away on September 3, 1860; the younger, a daughter, Mattie L., born October 20, 1871, is living at home.

Mr. Smith has practically retired from active business. He is a prudent and thoughtful man, who knows how to care for the fruit of his labor; and his comfortable home, with its neat surroundings, makes a pleasant picture. He and his wife are members of the Unitarian church, and he is a Republican in politics.

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JONATHAN G. DAVENPORT, one of the leading farmers and business men of the town of Rowe, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Heath, September 24, 1840, son of John and Hannah (Hall) Davenport, and grandson of Edward Davenport. John Davenport was born in Colerain, February 22, 1800. At the time of his marriage he bought the Day farm of eighty acres in Heath, and built a saw-mill, and also a house and barn to take the place of the old buildings. The land was in a rough and neglected condition; and he cleared up part of it, burning off the underbrush, and sawing many of the trees into marketable shape at his mill, finding a ready sale for his lumber. He also rented other land near the North River Bridge in East Charlemont. Here he lived for six years, moving at the end of that time to a place owned by his son Jonathan in Buckland. Mr. John Davenport died in Rowe, at the age of eighty-one. His wife, who was born in the same year that marked his own entrance on the stage of life, also passed from earth the same year that he did. They had six children. In politics the father was a Republi-



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can, and in religion he was a member of the Baptist church.

Jonathan G., the third child of John and Hannah Davenport, attended school in Heath and Charlemont until fourteen years of age, when he went to work on a farm for four dollars per month, giving his wages to his father. In two years his monthly stipend was raised to thirteen dollars; and at that rate he worked until nineteen years of age, when he obtained a position as clerk in a hotel at Shelburne Falls. He was a prudent and thrifty young man, and shortly saved enough from his earnings to make a good first payment on a farm of fifty acres which he bought in Buckland, and which his father lived upon and cultivated, he himself meanwhile making subsequent payments from his salary as hotel clerk. In 1861 he enlisted in the Seventh New York Cavalry, under command of A. J. Morrison, and after eight months of hard service in the war for the Union returned to his position in the hotel. Shortly after his marriage he sold his Buckland place, and bought the Warner home of one hundred and seven acres, which he now cultivates. He likewise purchased over two hundred acres of land in other parts of the town, which he sold in 1887, when he built his present residence. Within the past year he has erected a handsome three-story barn, sixty by sixty; and he has a fine lot of live stock, comprising sheep, full-blooded Jerseys, and some handsome horses. When the sulphur mines were opened here, Mr. Davis, the projector, selected Mr. Davenport to superintend the work, depending upon his sound judgment and reliability to make it successful. For seven years Mr. Davenport was employed in attending to the sinking of the shafts and to all of the business above ground; and, though now he has practically retired from active work in that line, he is often con-

sulted and requested to look after important points in the Davis Mining Works; and he has laid out and overseen the building of all their new roads. His own land contains rich veins of copper, which as yet he has not attempted to work.

In 1863, Mr. Davenport was married to Mary C., daughter of Daniel and Lucinda (Towne) Warner. Daniel Warner in his boyhood was in very humble circumstances, but he had a strong constitution and a healthy ambition; and by dint of hard work and economy he laid up money enough to purchase a small tract of wild land near where his son-in-law now lives. Here he built a small log cabin, which became the nucleus of a vast estate, as he gradually bought and cleared more land; and at the time of his death, at ninety-seven years of age, in 1876, he was an extensive real estate owner, having also been largely engaged in stock-raising. He was a stanch Republican and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The mother of Mrs. Davenport was his third wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Davenport have seven children: Edward D., treasurer and manager of the Park Theatre in Waltham, married Alice N. Warner, and is the father of one son—Charles E.; Bertha M., born March 4, 1866, is the wife of George Williams and mother of one child—Harry L.; Frank A., born August 20, 1869, ably assists his father about the farm, and is a carpenter by trade; Florence E., born July 8, 1871, was a prominent and popular teacher before her marriage to G. L. Bolton; Louis A. was born May 12, 1874; Jonathan W. was born November 12, 1877; and Mary L. was born November 24, 1880. The last three are still with their parents, the young men aiding their father in his agricultural pursuits.

Mr. Davenport is a highly intelligent and

public-spirited man, a Republican in politics, and has been Selectman, Assessor, and Poor Master for ten consecutive years. On the subject of religion he holds liberal views, not being bound by the lines of creed. A portrait of Mr. Davenport accompanies this sketch.

GEORGE A. LEWIS, a successful grocer and meat dealer in Wendell Centre, was born in the town of Greenfield, Mass., April 1, 1844, son of George and Sarah (Tanner) Lewis. His paternal grandfather died in Greenfield at the age of seventy-five. George Lewis, the elder, was brought up to be a farmer; and at the age of twenty-two he went to Greenfield, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and there spent most of his life. He died at Miller's Falls at the age of seventy-four years. He and his wife, Sarah, who was one of the six children of Clark Tanner, became the parents of five children: George A.; Mary, wife of Jerome Hallett; Maria, wife of Levi King; Alice, deceased; and Charles, who is in the express business at Springfield, and with whom his mother now makes her home.

George A. Lewis was educated in the Greenfield public schools, and spent his life with his parents till he was of age. He became a farmer, working by the month, till 1862, when he enlisted in Company A, Massachusetts Fifty-second Regiment, in which he served eleven months in the Civil War. He was discharged at Greenfield in 1863, and, thus laying down the implements of war, took up once more the implements of peace. After a time he removed from Greenfield to Northfield, working on a farm there, and then returned to Greenfield; but, after once more going to Northfield, he went to the town of

Erving, where he was employed for a time by ex-Governor Washburn. On leaving that place he purchased a farm at Northfield Mountain, which he sold at the end of four years, and in 1877 purchased another farm in Wendell, where he resided seven years. In 1885 he built his present house, and settled down, managing a meat and grocery business, greatly to the benefit of the neighborhood, which, being remote from market centres, needed the advantage of such local enterprise.

In 1864 Mr. Lewis was married to Miss Lizzie Simmonds, daughter of Willard and Mary Simmonds, her father being a well-known resident of Charlestown, N.H., where he carried on the blacksmith's trade. Mrs. Simmonds, the mother of Mrs. Lewis, was a daughter of Beniah George, the place of her nativity being Saxton's River, where her father was a citizen of repute, and considered a skilful workman. Mrs. Lewis was one of thirteen children, ten of whom are still living. Her mother and father both lived to be fifty-two years of age. They were members of the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have one son, Charles A. Lewis, mechanic and stationary engineer. He resides with his parents, and is married to Miss Nellie Fiske, of Wendell. Both father and son are Democrats in their political views. Mr. Lewis has been on the Board of Selectmen two years, and also Overseer of the Poor, and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Sedgwick's Post, No. 19, of Orange. Both he and his wife are attendants of the Congregational church. They are highly respected members of the community in which they live. Mrs. Lewis occasionally fills her husband's place in performing the responsible duties of Postmaster, and is also clerk in his grocery establishment. She contributes much, by the influence of her

cordial manner and neighborly character, to the social life of the place.

MRS. FIDELIA ELEANOR HOFFMANN, widow of the late Adam Joseph Hoffmann, M.D., of North San Juan, Cal., and since 1891 a resident of Greenfield, was born at Northfield Farms, Franklin County, Mass., on January 6, 1840, and is a daughter of Elisha and Harriet (Ruggles) Morgan. She is a direct descendant in the fifth generation of Miles Morgan, one of the pioneer settlers of Springfield, Mass.

Elisha Morgan, her father, was born at Northfield Farms on June 16, 1793, and continued to reside near his birthplace, about five miles from the centre of the town of Northfield, throughout his life. In addition to the management of a large farm, he conducted a general mercantile business; and after the War of 1812 he served in the State militia. He died in 1856, survived about twenty years by his wife, Harriet Ruggles, who was a daughter of Edward Ruggles, and was born on January 28, 1797, and lived to be seventy-eight years of age. Both were members of the Universalist church. They reared nine of the ten children born of their union, Mrs. Hoffmann being the youngest child.

Fidelia Eleanor Morgan received the full benefit of the advantages afforded by the common schools of her native town, after which she attended the State Normal School at Westfield to prepare herself for a teacher. In 1861 she began teaching in the public schools of Greenfield, and during the next five years she followed that vocation there and at Chicopee Falls and Amherst. She then went to Wilmington, N.C., to teach the freedmen under the auspices of the American Mission-

ary Association, and the following year was appointed superintendent of a new field at Athens, Ga. She had been at the latter place but a short time when she became impressed with the importance of providing new and more comfortable quarters for the accommodation of the freedmen's children; and, while her mind was busy with planning how the need might be met, she received a visit from General F. D. Sewell, the superintendent of that work, to whom she presented the matter and unfolded her plans, and was advised by him to write to General O. O. Howard, who was then stationed at Washington, D.C. A speedy reply was received, containing advice regarding the undertaking, and granting permission to build a suitable school-house, in case she could get the people to buy a lot for such a purpose. This they were quite willing to do, and the work was pushed to a very satisfactory conclusion. She subsequently taught for a time at Gloversville Seminary, and still later again taught in Greenfield.

In 1871 she went to San Francisco, where, on November 22 of that year, she was united in marriage with Adam Joseph Hoffmann, M.D., a native of Germany and a skilful physician and surgeon. Dr. Hoffmann died on August 14, 1876, after a brief illness, leaving his widow with two daughters: Fannie, born on November 4, 1872; and Grace, whose birth occurred on October 15, 1874. They spent their girlhood days in California, where they attended both public and private schools. Fannie at eleven years of age for personal amusement acquired a knowledge of telegraphy, and before she was twelve years old became so proficient as to be able to accept a vacancy that occurred about that time in a North San Juan station, where she acquired greater proficiency, and has since become an expert. She subsequently gained a

thorough knowledge of typewriting; and in 1889 she came East, and during the next five years was employed in an office of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Since December, 1893, she has held a position with the Associated Press Company in the Union office at Springfield, Mass., being the youngest lady operator in their employ and the only one in New England. Mrs. Hoffmann came East in 1891, and settled in Greenfield, which has since been her home. A woman of many virtues and accomplishments, she is now living a quiet but useful life, devoted to the interests of those dearest to her, thoughtful, too, as in former years, for the poor and needy, and holding in loving remembrance the companion of her early womanhood. She is a member of the First Congregational Church of Greenfield.

Her husband's father, August Hoffmann, was a noted physician in that part of Germany where he resided throughout his life, never leaving his native country. He prepared many important medical works; and, as a result of his labors and experience, he owned many valuable prescriptions that he sent to his son in America, by whom they were used to great advantage in practice. The duke of that dukedom in which they lived (the exact place not being known to the family in this country) discovered that the son possessed a fine tenor voice, and desired that he be educated for the operatic stage; but the parents, who were in close sympathy with the doctrines of the Lutheran church, believed such a course sinful, and the father was also very desirous that his son should become a physician, like himself.

Adam Joseph Hoffmann therefore received a medical education at a university of his native land. Desiring a broader field of activity, and not wishing to violate the law of that

country, which prohibits the son from following the profession of the father during the lifetime of the latter, he came to America in 1852, and settled in San Francisco, Cal. He afterward went to Sacramento, and thence to Petaluma, going from the last-named place to North San Juan, Nevada County, where he died in the prime of a vigorous and ambitious manhood. Politically, Dr. Hoffmann was a Republican. He was associated with the medical faculty of Sacramento, and ranked high in his profession on the Pacific Coast. Socially, he was a member of Manzanita Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. In religion he always adhered to the Lutheran faith, in which he was confirmed in his childhood.

EVERY W. SPRAGUE, a well-known and highly respected farmer and cattle dealer of Bernardston, who died on October 8, 1886, was born in this town, July 8, 1814, son of Jose and Phoebe (Hale) Sprague. Jose Sprague was born in Guilford, Vt., May 8, 1777; and his wife was born in Bernardston, Mass., August 6, 1781. The Spragues trace their lineage back to three brothers, William, Ralph, and Richard, who came from England to Massachusetts in 1629. Hezekiah Sprague, a carpenter and joiner, and also a farmer, who was born in Groton, Mass., May 23, 1740, was the first of the family to settle in Franklin County. He died at his home in Bernardston on March 31, 1795. His wife, Rachel Byham, who was born in Chelmsford, Mass., May 22, 1739, died January 24, 1831, at the age of ninety-one. They had six children—Asa, Jose, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Mary, and Apphia—all of whom grew to maturity and had families of their own.

Jose Sprague, the father of Avery W., was



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a farmer and carpenter. He succeeded to the ownership of the homestead in Bernardston, and it was he who built on Bald Mountain the first frame house in the town. He was a well-known and successful business man and a hard worker. The whole of his life was spent in Franklin County; and he died in Bernardston, November 30, 1852. Mrs. Phœbe H. Sprague survived her husband, and died May 31, 1862. In politics Mr. Sprague was a Democrat, and in religious faith he and his wife were Universalists. They had a large family, of whom six grew to maturity. Joseph S., born April 8, 1810, died March 22, 1890; Lurancy, born March 25, 1812, died December 3, 1847; Avery William is the subject of this sketch; a son, born October 17, 1816, died two days later; Lysander H., of Bernardston, who was born January 29, 1818, died May 8, 1895; Lovina and Lucina, twins, born August 27, 1824, died — Lovina, October 16, 1847, and Lucina, September 29, 1851.

Avery W. Sprague grew to manhood in Bernardston and Gill, acquiring his education in the schools of the former place. At twenty-two years of age he started to work as a farm hand, receiving for his first wages eight dollars per month. For fourteen years he worked for others, saving his wages, and at the end of that time was able to pay for the farm in Bernardston which he had purchased in company with his brother Joseph. This farm they cultivated together for thirteen years; and then Avery formed a partnership with his brother Lysander H., which lasted for thirty-four years. Besides general farming, they dealt extensively and successfully in cattle. It was only during the last three and a half years of his life that Avery W. Sprague was in business by himself. He was a man of good practical judgment and one of Franklin

County's stirring and prosperous citizens. He owned at one time three hundred acres of land, and at his demise he left an estate of nearly two hundred acres.

Avery W. Sprague was married September 5, 1861, in South Vernon, Vt., to Sophia A. Newton, who was born in Shelburne, Mass., August 27, 1825, daughter of Obed and Jemima (Allen) Newton. Obed Newton was born January 31, 1795, in Greenfield, on the place where Asa W. Sprague now resides, and was a member of one of the old families which have been for many years prominently identified with the interests of the town. A more extended account of the Newton family follows this sketch. Mrs. Sprague died on April 23, 1893. She was the mother of four children, namely: Susan Francelia, who was born May 21, 1862, was married April 30, 1895, to William A. Scott, and now resides at 52 Conway Street, Greenfield; Nellie Belle, born September 21, 1864, who died April 23, 1865; Martha Abbie, born October 15, 1866; and Asa Winn, born June 30, 1869. The two last named now live together on the old home farm.

In politics Mr. Sprague was a Democrat, and in religion a Universalist. Observing and thoughtful, a man of refined taste, he was an ardent lover of nature, and devoted considerable time to the study of botany. A life-like portrait of this departed worthy may be seen on a neighboring page.

THE NEWTON FAMILY. John Newton, Sr., came to Greenfield, Franklin County, Mass., about 1774, accompanied by his two sons, Isaac and Samuel, following the lead of his son John, who had settled here in 1772. The three brothers took up a tract of land, which was heavily timbered

with hemlock, on the west side of the old stage road from Greenfield to Brattleboro, Vt., extending from near the Bernardston line on the north to below the present limits of Greenfield village on the south, and stretching west over the Connecticut Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. They also owned land in Leyden and Colerain, a part of which they gave to an ancestor of Dr. Barstow, now of Springfield, in return for labor on the main Newton farm. Their property in all must have comprised fifteen hundred acres. The younger John and his brother Isaac both served in the Revolutionary War, the latter winning some distinction and gaining a Captain's commission.

John Newton, Sr., lived with his son John on a farm just above Long's Four Corners, which has always been occupied by the Newtons and their family connections, and is now owned by Asa W. Sprague, whose mother was a Newton, and of whom a sketch will be found elsewhere in this work. Isaac Newton settled on the place now occupied by Elihu Osgood, in the northern part of the town. He died September 23, 1826, aged seventy-eight years, his wife, Hester, having passed away December 23, 1824, at the age of seventy-five. Their remains were buried in the High Street Cemetery. Isaac Newton had a large family, several of whom died in early childhood. One of his sons built the original Mansion House in Greenfield; and a daughter married Colonel Asaph Smead, and lived in the "Upper Meadows."

Samuel Newton settled near where Chapman and Silver Streets now meet, married, and had three sons: Samuel, Jr., Burrel, and Priestly. Burrel and Samuel, Jr., went to the then far West—Ohio—the former accompanied by his wife. One of his descendants, Samuel Newton by name, now lives in

Ashtabula, Ohio; and there are many others in the vicinity who claim kinship with the Newton family. Priestly kept a meat market in Greenfield many years. He married Harriet Merrill, and had the following children: Barnard, whose widow and daughter reside in Greenfield; Margaret, who married Newton Smead, and had two sons, Henry and Edwin, the former now living in Greenfield, the latter deceased; Bell, who married first Edwin Smead, second ex-County Commissioner Frederick Smith; Sarah, who married first a Mr. Powers, by whom she had three children,—Edward, Sophia, and Henry—and second Henry Smead, by whom she had one son, Horace, a blacksmith in Guilford, Vt., who married a Miss Mussy, of Vernon, in that State; Priestly, Jr., who married Augusta Taft; Helen, who married George Hopkins, and had three children—Helen, Herbert, and George.

John Newton, the first of the name to settle in Greenfield, as above noted, was born in Haddam, July 19, 1750, married Elizabeth Arms, of Greenfield, who was born July 6, 1755; and they had ten children—Cyrus, John, Curtis, Elizabeth, Asenath, a son who died in infancy, Milicent, Jesse, Obed, and Persis—all born between 1779 and 1798. John and his wife, Elizabeth, died on the farm where he settled; and their bodies were laid to rest in the High Street Cemetery. The farm was left to their sons John, Jr., and Curtis. A brief record of the family is given below, the sons and daughters being severally mentioned in the order of birth.

Cyrus Newton, born March 15, 1779, went to Vernon, Vt., married Sabra Crane, and had four children, namely: Alexis, who married and had a large family, mostly girls, one of whom lives in Brattleboro, Vt., others in Peoria, Ill.; Alonzo, whose sons live in Vernon,

Vt., and in Worcester, Mass., and whose daughter is the wife of Charles C. Houghton, a shoe manufacturer in Worcester; Climena, who married a Mr. Fowler, of Greenfield, and had two sons, Edwin and Wyart, and a daughter, who is now Mrs. Ousterout—all of Greenfield; and Sabra, who married Edwin Pierce.

John Newton, Jr., who was born July 13, 1780, and bore the name of his father and grandfather, died a bachelor on the home farm, June 12, 1871, leaving his property to his nephew, Hervey Curtis Newton.

Curtis Newton, born March 20, 1782, was a Deacon of the first church in the town and a worthy representative of the family, who were all of strict Puritanic faith. He died February 8, 1871, having been twice married. His first wife, Salome Sawtelle, to whom he was united May 30, 1808, was born October 8, 1785, and died October 10, 1818. Her children were: Hervey Curtis; John Sawtelle; and Salome and Martha, who both died in infancy. Hervey Curtis, who was born April 2, 1809, inherited one-half of the old homestead from his bachelor uncle John; but this he sold in 1876 to Avery W. Sprague, father of Asa W. Sprague, the present owner. He was elected Selectman of the town in 1844, and with the exception of one year served continuously till 1866. He died April 13, 1883. He was married June 25, 1839, to Sarah Corss, and they reared seven children: their son Christopher enlisted in the Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and died in New Orleans the day the regiment started for home, leaving a widow and a daughter Annie; Curtis Newton, named for his grandfather, is a bachelor, living in Greenfield; a daughter, Sarah P., is a teacher at Norfolk, Va.; Ella C. is dead; Lucy married H. G. Parker, an attorney in Cambridge,

Mass., and had four children, but is now dead; Belle is caring for her sister Lucy's family; and Henry is in California. John Sawtelle Newton, who was born October 31, 1810, resided on one-half the homestead, which he inherited from his father, Curtis, until 1880, when on account of failing health he rented the property, and went to live with a daughter, Mrs. S. L. Wiley, on Congress Street. He is now living in Omaha, Neb. He was married May 22, 1839, to Angeline Martin, who died in January, 1892, and they had four daughters: Anna C., born March 20, 1840, who married Solon L. Wiley, and died in 1876, leaving two children—Edith A., now Mrs. William Sherwin, and Walter S., who is married, and lives in Omaha, Neb.; Martha, born October 13, 1841, who died, unmarried, in 1867; Mary DeWolf, born August 31, 1845, who married Dwight Nash, of Miller's Falls, and has one child, Jessie E.; and Kate M., born November 5, 1851, who became the second wife of Solon L. Wiley, and has two children, Ruth M. and Anna Katherine.

The second wife of Curtis Newton was Mary DeWolf, of Deerfield, who was born August 10, 1794, married June 13, 1822, and died October 20, 1856. Her children were: Mary Salome, born May 7, 1823; Sarah Persis, who was born September 12, 1824, and died October 13, 1826; and Harriet, born January 15, 1830. Mary Salome was married March 27, 1848, to Don Avery Winslow, of Northern Vermont, and had five children, namely: Edward, who was drowned in early manhood; Helen M., an author of some note in Boston, one of the founders of the New England Woman's Press Association, of which she is Treasurer; and Mary, Belle, and Harriet, who reside with their elder sister. Harriet Newton married H. G. Parker, then Judge of Probate in Greenfield, and now a lawyer of Cam-

bridge, and has one son, Horatio Newton Parker.

Elizabeth, the eldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Newton, born May 13, 1784, married Seth Smead, of Greenfield, and reared the following children: Elizabeth, who married a brother of the Hon. C. C. Conant; Grateful, Catherine, and Louisa, who are now deceased; Newton, who married Margaret Newton; William, who married Lottie Carpenter; Seth, who married Harriet Ballow; and George, who has two children — Herbert, in the hardware business in Providence, and Ella, who is caring for her uncle William in Greenfield. Asenath Newton, the second daughter, was born May 3, 1786, and died December 20, 1860, at the old homestead, unmarried. Her sister, Milicent Newton, born October 2, 1789, died March 6, 1825, aged thirty-five. She was the wife of Thaddeus Coleman and the mother of four children. Esther married Noah Wells, and her only daughter, Mary P., now the wife of Judge Fayette Smith, of Cincinnati, is a well-known writer, author of "Jolly Good Times," "Jolly Good Times at Hackmatack," and other popular books for young people, under the pen name of "P. Thorne." Esther's son Elijah was at the head of the Adams Express Company in Philadelphia, and his widow and children still reside in that city. The other three children of Milicent (Newton) Coleman were named Mary, Thaddeus, and Elijah. Jesse, fifth son of John and Elizabeth Newton, was born February 27, 1792, entered the theological department of Yale College, and died in his Freshman year, November 13, 1815, of overwork. The next son, Obed, who was born January 31, 1795, was a man of independent spirit. Up to the time of the elder Harrison the family were Democratic in politics, and during that exciting campaign Obed incurred the

scorn of his relatives by joining the ranks of the Republicans. Later, however, his brothers and their sons became converted to his views. The present tendency of the family representatives is toward independence in politics. Obed Newton was superintendent of the Sunday-school of the First Congregational Church when the brick edifice was built at Nash's Mills. He had two wives. The first, whom he married on June 3, 1824, was Jemima, daughter of Dorothy and Quintus Allen, of Greenfield, born March 29, 1803. She died February 20, 1841, leaving the following children: Sophia Arms, who married Avery Sprague, of Bernardston, of whom a sketch is given in this work; Betsey, born August 20, 1828, who married Dexter Clark, of Gill, on November 9, 1848, and had two children — Lewis E., who died in El Paso, Tex., leaving a widow, and Lizzie N., who is still living; Isabelle Graham, born June 4, 1832, who died September 14, 1852, unmarried; John, born October 28, 1834, who served in the Tenth Massachusetts Regiment, and died from exposure February 15, 1862; Dorothy J., born April 23, 1837, who died June 29, 1841.

The second wife of Obed Newton, to whom he was united December 1, 1841, was Abigail Briggs, who was born in Plymouth, Vt., October 24, 1809, daughter of Samuel Briggs, and was a resident of Brattleboro at the time of her marriage. Two sons blessed this union, Jesse Obed and Seth Smead, the former of whom was born in Shelburne, Mass., October 7, 1842. He is a resident of Greenfield, and was connected for a time with Gunn & Amidon in the Miller's Falls Tool Company, but now manufactures Diamond Electric Soap. Jesse O. Newton has been twice married, his first wife being Esther Nash; his second, Hannah Nash, is still liv-

ing, but neither union was blessed with children. Seth Smead Newton, who was born February 11, 1844, was married on December 7, 1865, to Henrietta, daughter of George and Julia Ann Frary, who was born in Whately, December 10, 1849. They have two children: Mary Jane, born June 27, 1866, and Abbie Frary, born December 7, 1868. The former, who was for several years a successful teacher in Worcester, Mass., was married June 27, 1892, to Charles H. Perry, of that city; and they have a son, Roger Newton, born March 12, 1894. Abbie Frary Newton is now a teacher in Worcester. Persis Newton, youngest child of John and Elizabeth (Arms) Newton, was born March 19, 1798, and died, unmarried, February 7, 1842.

ROBERT E. BLODGETT, a successful farmer and breeder of fine horses in Charlemont, Mass., was born in this town, March 31, 1830, son of Samuel and Deborah (Legate) Blodgett. The Blodgett family, of which Robert E. represents the eighth generation in this country, trace their descent from Thomas Blodgett, who came to America from London in the "Increase" in 1635, with his wife, Susanna, and two sons, Daniel and Samuel, aged respectively four years and one year and a half. At the time of their emigration Thomas Blodgett was thirty years old, and his wife thirty-seven. They settled in Cambridge, Mass., where two children were born—a daughter Susanna and a son Thomas. The latter died in 1639.

Thomas Blodgett, Sr., was evidently a man of means, owning a house and land on Garden Street and other property in the town. He died before he attained his fortieth year. A copy of his will, made August 10, 1641, and

proved in 1642, is to be found in the *New England Genealogical Register* for April, 1848, vol. ii. p. 185. His widow married James Thompson, Sr., of Woburn; and his daughter Susanna married Jonathan, son of the same James Thompson by a former wife. From them in the fifth generation was Benjamin, of world-wide renown as Sir Benjamin Thompson, or Count Rumford. Samuel Blodgett, son of Thomas and Susanna, went to Woburn to live, and on December 13, 1655, married Ruth, daughter of Stephen Iggleden, of Boston. Their son Samuel married Huldah, daughter of William Simonds. The records speak of each Samuel as serving as delegate to the General Court, as Selectman, and as member of important commissions; and in some cases it is hard to distinguish between them.

Thomas Blodgett, son of Samuel and Ruth, born February 26, 1661 (or, as given in History of Lexington in 1660), was the ancestor of most of the Lexington Blodgetts. He was married November 11, 1685, to Rebecca, daughter of John and Rebecca (Wood) Tidd, the former a prominent man in Lexington, who dealt extensively in land. In the history Thomas Blodgett is mentioned as a subscriber to the meeting-house in 1692, but does not appear to have been a taxable inhabitant till 1694. He and his wife were added to the church in Lexington in 1699 by a letter from the Woburn church. Captain Blodgett, as he was generally called, was a leading man in the town, filling almost every local office of trust after its incorporation, and also representing the town in the General Court. His home was on Adams Street, near North Street. He died September 29, 1740. He had five children: Thomas, Rebecca, Ruth, Abigail, and Samuel.

Samuel Blodgett, the youngest son, was

born June 17, 1702, was a farmer in Lexington, and died January 23, 1773. His wife, to whom he was married June 26, 1726, was Mary Russell, probably the daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth, and the grand-daughter of John and Elizabeth (Fiske) Russell. Of the Russells there were quite a number in Cambridge, most of them prominent business men, and some of them wealthy land-owners. The following is a brief record of children of Samuel and Mary (Russell) Blodgett: Samuel, born April 30, 1727, was a physician, first in Sunderland and later in Boston; Simeon, born June 5, 1730, married Susan Skelton; Joseph, born February 10, 1732, died January 7, 1735; Mary, born June 20, 1733, married Jonathan Perry; Ruth, born August 29, 1735, married October 25, 1759, Henry Harrington; Josiah, born December 28, 1737, married Jane Thoren, April 24, 1760; Timothy, born April 10, 1740, married Millicent Perry; Isaac, born February 1, 1742, married April 20, 1769, Mary Locke.

According to tradition Timothy Blodgett, the fifth son, was in Captain Parker's company on Lexington Common, April 19, 1775; and, when they dispersed, he lost his gun getting over a board fence. He probably lived on the main road taken by the regulars on their return from Concord, for they took his wife's new baking of bread. It seems that he removed from Wendell to Hadley in 1789, and settled in Deerfield the following year. In the latter town he resided forty years, dying January 13, 1831, when nearly ninety-one years of age. His wife was a daughter of Joseph or Jonathan and Mary (Locke) Perry. Of the Perry family the town histories give no connected account. The Lockes were descended from William Locke, of London, England, who settled in Woburn, became a large land-owner, and was

Deacon in the local church for many years. He married Mary Clark, of Woburn; and their son William, Jr., was a Deacon of the church in 1709. He married for his first wife Sarah Whitmore. His son William resided on the old homestead, a part of which, including the house on Lowell Street, was included in the town of Lexington in 1799. This estate was afterward called the Hammond Locke place. William Locke (third) married Jemima, daughter of Philip Russell; and their daughter Mary was married in 1746 to Joseph Perry.

Mrs. Millicent Perry Blodgett died May 7, 1827, at the age of seventy-nine. She and her husband reared a large family, briefly mentioned below: Timothy, born September 24, 1766, died November 29, 1855. He married Elizabeth Stiles, of Wendell, April 26, 1789. She died in 1850, aged eighty-five. Thaddeus, born June 2, 1768, married Sally Tuttle, and settled near Lake Chautauqua, New York, where he died at an advanced age. Levi, born July 28, 1770, married Kézia Puffer, and died in April, 1848. His wife, who was born in January, 1770, died in January, 1841. Lucy, born January 23, 1773, married Asaph Mitchell, and died at Fredonia, N.Y., when over ninety years of age. Samuel, grandfather of our subject, was born September 29, 1774. Joseph, born January 19, 1777, married Thankful Hawks, of Deerfield. He died in Fitzwilliam, N.H., about 1826. Mary, born April 15, 1779, married Silas Hawks, of Deerfield. Millicent, born December 23, 1781, married Waitstil Hawks, of Deerfield. Sally, born November 22, 1783, married John Legate, and died at Halifax, Vt., October 5, 1861. Lucretia Billings, born June 1, 1786, died March 30, 1789. Simeon, born April 20, 1788, married Lydia Graves, of Deerfield, and died September 2,

1842. Edmund, born in 1790, married Nancy Brown, and died about 1833.

Samuel Blodgett, grandfather of Robert E., married Susanna Whipple, and resided at different times at Hadley, Deerfield, Conway, Heath, Rowe, and Charlemont, Mass., and at Antwerp, N.Y. He died at Hadley, Saratoga County, N.Y., July 4, 1849. His wife was born March 17, 1774, and died at Antwerp, N.Y., February 23, 1840. They had a large family, several of whom are still living.

Samuel Blodgett, son of Samuel and Susanna, was born June 14, 1796. The church records show that he was baptized in Wendell, June 22, 1799. He learned the trade of a carpenter, but devoted the greater part of his life to agriculture, in early manhood purchasing a farm in Jefferson County, New York, which he tilled for several years. This he finally sold, and, removing to Franklin County, Massachusetts, purchased the farm in Charlemont on which his son Robert E. now resides. It is one hundred years since this farm, which contained one hundred and eighty acres, was reclaimed from the wilderness by Mr. S. Potter, who erected the present house. Here Mr. Samuel Blodgett spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of seventy-one. In politics he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, of which he then became an adherent. He was liberal in religious views. His wife, Deborah Legate Blodgett, lived to be seventy-seven years old. They were the parents of the following children: Samuel, Joseph, Ephraim, Robert E., Sarah, Daniel W., Adeline M., and William H.

Robert E. Blodgett, whose date of birth is given above, remained at home until twenty-two years of age, when, joining the westward exodus, he went to California, and spent four years in the mining camps. He then returned to Massachusetts, and, purchasing a

farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Cole-rain, spent fifteen years there, successfully engaged in farming. At the end of that time he bought the home farm, where he has since resided, engaged in general farming and stock-raising. Besides raising cattle and sheep, he has devoted his attention to fine horses, his specialty being a cross between the Hambletonian and Morgan breeds. He is said to have produced some of the finest horses in the vicinity, and for some he has realized handsome prices. Mr. Blodgett is an excellent judge of the equine race and a thorough horseman.

On November 6, 1856, he was married to Jane E., daughter of Robert and Eleanor (White) Burrington, who died at the age of twenty-five. He married for his second wife Miss Leafa A. Jones, whose parents were Franklin and Annis (Burrington) Jones. She has since died, and he is now a widower. No children were born of either marriage. In politics Robert E. Blodgett is a Democrat, and he is liberal in religion. His farm is pleasantly located on Legate Hill, overlooking the Deerfield valley and commanding one of the finest views in Franklin County.

THOMAS WOMERSLEY, M.D., of Greenfield, a well-known medical practitioner, was born in 1817 in Yorkshire, England, which county was also the birthplace of his parents, John and Hannah (Wilkinson) Womersley. The Doctor's father was a wool dealer, or stapler. In 1852 he emigrated to the United States with his wife and children — six sons and two daughters — performing the tedious voyage in a sailing-packet, the "Pacific," and being thirty-two days on the water. John Womersley was not the first of the family in this country, his

father, Joseph Womersley, having settled in Dutchess County, New York, some twenty years earlier, becoming the proprietor of a large and valuable farm. His wife was Rachel Archer; and they reared three children — one son and two daughters.

Dr. Womersley has been a student from his childhood, and in medical science still keeps abreast of the times. He began attending school at an early age, received his diploma at Dartmouth College; and he also studied at the University of the City of New York. He began the practice of his profession at Lowell, Mass., where he remained four years; and the succeeding five years he spent travelling through the United States and Canada, lecturing on physiology. He subsequently became interested in the study of theology, was graduated in 1855 from the theological seminary at Newton, Mass., and for seven years thereafter supplied the pulpits of the Baptist churches of Beverly and Wenham. His next pastorate was at Three Rivers, Hampden County, from which he went to West Deerfield, where for six years he did good work in his Master's vineyard. In 1873 Dr. Womersley came to Greenfield, and resumed the practice of medicine, in which he has since been continuously engaged, his residence being at 27 Chapman Street. He is quite prominent and popular in medical circles, being the oldest member of the Massachusetts Medical Society residing in Franklin County, and also belonging to the Franklin County Medical Society.

On January 1, 1856, Dr. Womersley was united in marriage with Miss Mary F. Taggard, of Boston, a daughter of John and Eliza (Welch) Taggard, the former a native of New Hampshire and the latter of Boston. Mr. Taggard was a prominent business man of that city, being an extensive operator in bar

iron and steel, in which he accumulated quite a fortune. He and his wife reared three children, of whom Eliza, the eldest, was for many years an esteemed teacher in the public schools of Somerville, Mass. She died at Woburn, Mass., in 1893, aged sixty-six years. Anna M., the second daughter, is the widow of William A. Blodgett, of Woburn. Mr. Taggard lived to the ripe old age of fourscore and four years, dying at Watertown, Mass., in 1879; and his widow survived him many years, dying in 1891, at the remarkable age of ninety-six years, being then laid beside her husband in that beautiful resting-place of the dead, Mount Auburn Cemetery. Ebenezer Welch, father of Mrs. Taggard, was a midshipman on board the first revenue cutter of the United States, and died while in service, in 1800, at the age of thirty-three years, leaving a widow and three children. An uncle of Mrs. Womersley, the Rev. Bartholomew T. Welch, was pastor of the Pearl Street Baptist Church of Albany for thirty years, and subsequently had charge of a church in Brooklyn, but spent his last years in Albany. He was quite noted in the denomination to which he belonged, and was President for several years of the Bible Society.

Of the children born to Dr. and Mrs. Womersley two died in infancy; and one son, Thomas Archer, passed away at the tender age of two years. They have two daughters and one son living, namely: Helen Mary, who married William C. Norcross, of Wellesley Hills, has one son and three daughters; Eliza T., who was graduated from Wellesley College in 1887, is a teacher of French and Latin in the school of the Misses Gilmore in Boston; and Thomas M., a graduate of Yale College in 1894, is in business with his brother-in-law in Boston, dealing in builders' materials.

HENRY F. BURNETT, a prosperous blacksmith and dealer in hardware, tinware, and plumbers' supplies, residing at Erving, Mass., was born in Belchertown, Hampshire County, June 9, 1838, son of Bela and Elvira (Burnham) Burnett, the former of whom was a native of South Hadley. The paternal grandfather of Henry F. Burnett also bore the name of Bela and was a native of South Hadley, where he followed farming for an occupation. He died there at the advanced age of ninety years.

Bela Burnett, Jr., who had a younger brother, Stoughton Burnett, early learned the mason's trade, which he followed in Franklin County, where he spent his life, making his home at Montague City. He had a good reputation for industry and skill at his calling, and also gained considerable local fame as a pedestrian. It is said of him that while living in Montague City he used to walk to Belchertown to work, a distance of twenty miles, and return on foot at night, and that he frequently walked one hundred miles without fatigue. He seems, however, not to have had a strong constitution, as he died in his thirty-seventh year. His wife, Elvira Burnham, was a daughter of Daniel Burnham, of Montague City, who lived to be above eighty years of age. She was one of eight children, of whom the only one now living is Mrs. Sarah L. Grout, of Bernardston. Mr. and Mrs. Bela Burnett, Jr., reared six children, of whom but two survive: Jennie, widow of Edmund Edmunds, and now living in Springfield; and Henry F. The mother died at South Hadley in her fifty-second year. Both parents were attendants of the Congregational church.

Henry F. Burnett was but eighteen months old when his parents removed to Montague City, where much of his childhood was spent. From there he went at length to South Had-

ley, and thence to Granby, Hampshire County. At fifteen years of age he went to work in a piano factory, later was employed in a saw-mill, and was next engaged in blacksmithing. After that he went to Hartford, Conn., where he first had a position in a pipe shop, and subsequently in the railroad shop. From Hartford he went to Amherst, Mass., where for a year he was employed as a blacksmith, and at the expiration of that time removed to Northfield and opened a blacksmith shop for himself, remaining there until February 18, 1860, when he came to Erving and hired a shop for three years, after which he erected his present shop and conducted a general blacksmithing business until 1886. In that year he put in the hardware department, which he has since continued in connection with the former, and with excellent results, his being the only hardware store in the town. In addition to all this, from 1863 to 1868 he was engaged in the livery and grain business.

On October 18, 1860, Mr. Burnett was married to Maria Trim, a native of Warwick and daughter of Washington Trim, a farmer and carpenter, who died in Orange. Mrs. Maria T. Burnett reared two children: a son, William L., and a daughter Julia. William L. Burnett, who is associated with his father in business, married Minnie M. Lillie, and has one child, Ruby. Julia Burnett married Elden G. Howe, of Springfield, and died at the age of twenty-three years, her one child having also passed away. Mr. Burnett's second wife, Sarah A. Clark, of Lynn, who bore him one child (deceased), died October 10, 1887, after a brief illness of but five days. His present wife was before marriage Jennie S. Holden. Her father was a resident of Erving.

Mr. Burnett is a Republican in political affiliation, and has served on the School Committee several years and as Town Treasurer for

six years. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Orange and was formerly a member of the Temple of Honor of that place. Mr. Burnett, though not a communicant of any church, is an attendant of the Congregational church, toward whose support he contributes freely, and of which his wife is a member.

PEREZ M. WELLS, a leading citizen of Whately, was born at Hatfield, March 28, 1829, son of Luther and Elizabeth (Smith) Wells, the former a native of Whately, the latter of Greenfield. Mr. Wells's paternal grandfather, who also was named Perez, was a farmer of Colerain. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and took part in the siege of Ticonderoga. At the end of his term of service he returned to his plough, and his last years were passed in Whately.

Luther Wells was both a farmer and a wagon-maker, following these occupations during his entire active life. He died at Hatfield at the age of seventy-five years. His wife, who was the daughter of Joel Smith, a prosperous farmer of Greenfield, passed to her rest at the age of sixty-one years. Mr. Luther Wells was a Republican in politics, and active in town affairs, serving as Town Treasurer for some time. He attended the Congregational church, of which his wife was a member. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are still living; namely, Charles, Luther, Perez, and Augusta.

Perez M. Wells passed his early boyhood in Hatfield, attending school in that town and at Easthampton. When twenty-two years of age he left home, and for some time he was a resident of New York State, where he was engaged in farming and in school-teaching. He subsequently taught for a while in the State of

Ohio, where he resided one year. Returning to Massachusetts in 1856, he purchased a mill near his present residence, which he operated very successfully for a period of thirty years. In 1886 he turned his attention to gardening, in which he is now profitably engaged, his time being wholly devoted to that pursuit.

Mr. Wells and Lucretia Whitman, daughter of Noble and Ruth Whitman, of Windsor, Mass., were united in marriage in 1861, and are the parents of five children, as follows: George W., who married Harriet Parsons and has two children—Lena and Margaret; Carrie, who married Arthur Clapp, and has one child, Charles; Kate, who taught school for some years and is now the wife of Albert Dyer; Edward L., a book-keeper at Holyoke; and Bessie. The children were all well educated, attending the public schools and Deerfield Academy.

Mr. Wells is a Republican in politics. He has rendered valuable service to the town in a public capacity, having been Collector and Town Treasurer for many years and a member of the School Board for fifteen years. He has for the past twenty years been a Director of the National Bank at Northampton. He is a gentleman of considerable musical talent, possessing a fine voice, and has acted as chorister at the Congregational church of Whately for a score of years. Mrs. Wells is also a member of that church.

FRANK S. EWING, President of the Co-operative Bank of Orange, a popular man in business and social circles, has won for himself an assured position among the foremost citizens of the county. He was born March 25, 1855, in Westfield, Mass., being the only child of his parents, Thomas and Mary (Gridley) Ewing.

Thomas Ewing was born and educated at Ashford, Conn., and there began life as a farmer; but being disinclined to agricultural labors he moved to Westfield, where he first secured work in a whip factory. That employment also proving uncongenial, he next established himself in a mercantile business, opening a tinware store, which he conducted profitably for eight years. Retiring then from active pursuits, he came with his family to Orange, where he is surrounded by all the needed comforts of life, and lightly bears the weight of sixty-nine years. His wife, a most estimable woman, much beloved and respected, is the daughter of Sidney Gridley.

Frank S. Ewing was the recipient of excellent educational advantages in his boyhood; and after leaving school he accepted a position as clerk in the First National Bank of Westfield, where he remained four years, being book-keeper and teller. Then buying an interest in the Steam Heating, or Laffin Manufacturing, Company, he acted as their book-keeper for some time, after which he filled a similar position in the John C. Schmidt & Co. whip establishment of Westfield. Coming to Orange in 1881, Mr. Ewing entered the office of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, and in a short time was appointed Assistant Treasurer, an office which he has filled with ability and fidelity. He is a man of more than ordinary capability and enterprise, and of sound business principles. He is financially interested in the Minute Tapioca Manufacturing Company of Orange, holding the position of Treasurer, and is also Treasurer of the Orange Board of Trade.

On the 4th of July, 1876, the centennial anniversary of the declaration of our national independence, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Ewing and Miss Hattie E. Sibley, a daughter of Alvin Sibley, of West

Springfield. Of this pleasant union two children were born—May and Florence—from whom in early years the parents were called to part.

Politically, Mr. Ewing is a worthy representative of the best element of the Republican party, and for several years has been Town Auditor. He is public-spirited, taking a genuine interest in forwarding local improvements. He is a prominent and active Mason, being a member of Mount Moriah Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Westfield; of Crescent Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of Orange; of the Orange Commandery, Knights Templars; and of Aleppo Temple, A. A. O. M. S., having taken in all thirty-two degrees of Masonry. He also belongs to Orange Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ewing are valued members of the order of the Eastern Star, the latter being a Past Matron of the Chapter in Orange, a Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, and the present R. W. A. Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. She is a graduate of the Westfield Normal School, pleasing in her address and enthusiastically interested in her work. She is an esteemed member of the Congregational church, being one of the most active workers of that parish, delighting in that charity that inclines the heart to sympathy and the hand to deeds of tender ministration.

RUFUS H. FITTS, a prominent farmer and lumberman of Shutesbury, was born in Leverett, Mass., October 7, 1852, son of James and Sarah (Ball) Fitts. Mr. Fitts's father was a native of Oxford, Mass., and, when a young man, settled in Leverett, where he engaged in farming and in operating a saw and grist mill. He was in-

dustrious and successful in both pursuits. His latter years were passed in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where he died at the age of eighty-three years. He belonged to the Episcopal church. His wife, Sarah Ball Fitts, who was born in Leverett, became the mother of seven children, four of whom are still living, namely: Martha, who married Benjamin McClellan, a civil engineer, and resides in the West; Sarah, who married John Henry, and resides in New York City; Carrie, a trained nurse in New York City; and Rufus H., the subject of this sketch. The other three were: Emily, Gertrude, and Oris. The mother died in young womanhood.

Rufus H. Fitts passed his boyhood and youth in Leverett and Saratoga, acquiring his education in the schools of these towns, and then went to work as a teamster for William B. Stetson, of Leverett, in whose employ he remained for ten years. Some time later, after working at different occupations, he engaged in farming; and he moved to the old Adams farm in Shutesbury in 1880. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land, is a successful farmer and stock-raiser, also extensively engaged in lumbering, and is at the present time one of the largest tax-payers in the town.

On August 3, 1873, Mr. Fitts married Laura Adams, daughter of Silas Ward Adams, of Shutesbury. Mrs. Fitts's father was born in Shutesbury, September 25, 1811, son of Asa and Clarissa (Eastman) Adams. His grandfather, Asa Adams, Sr., settled in Shutesbury in 1759. Asa Adams, Jr., was born in Shutesbury, and his wife was a native of Amherst. They had fourteen children, thirteen of whom lived to reach maturity. Silas Ward Adams followed farming and lumbering, in both of which he was successful, and in company with his brother Dickinson he

operated a large saw-mill. He was a Republican in politics, and occupies a prominent position among the leading citizens of the town, ably filling various town offices. He was a member of the Congregational church. Silas Ward Adams died in Shutesbury, October 22, 1888. His first wife, Lucinda Blodgett, was the mother of four children, the only survivor of whom is Mrs. Oris Fitts, of North Amherst. His second wife became the mother of five children, namely: Emma L., who died aged five years; Dwight Ward, born November 19, 1851, and now residing in Windsor, Conn.; Laura, Mrs. Fitts, born August 4, 1853; Carrie, born October 23, 1855, and now the wife of William E. Roberts, of Florence, Mass.; and John M., born November 10, 1861, and now a resident of Athol, Mass. The mother, who still survives, resides with her daughter and son-in-law at the old Adams homestead in Shutesbury, the house, which was built previous to 1812, being one of the principal landmarks of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitts have four children, as follows: Harry Ward, who was born February 8, 1875; Gertrude M., born July 8, 1878; Myrtie C., born August 18, 1885; and Bertha A., born December 13, 1890. Mr. Fitts is a Republican in politics, and is liberal in his religious views. Mrs. Fitts is a member of the Congregational church. The Adams family, as will have been gathered from the above, have filled positions in the community and have been for many years closely identified with the growth and development of Shutesbury.

RUTHER DUDLEY is an old resident and highly respected citizen of the town of Leverett, where he is engaged as a manufacturer and dealer in lumber. His birth occurred in this immediate vicinity



J. C. NEWHALL.

on September 6, 1817. He is a son of Aaron Dudley, who was born in Framingham, Mass., and grandson of Nathan Dudley.

Mr. Dudley's father was engaged in agricultural pursuits at Leverett in his early manhood, and later erected a saw-mill, in which he began the manufacturing of lumber, a business that he carried on successfully in connection with his large farm until his death, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife, whose name before marriage was Sophia Frail, became the mother of ten children, four of whom are still living; namely, Samuel F., Luther, Hannah, and Maria. She died at the age of seventy-one years.

Luther Dudley was reared to farm life; and, as his manly strength developed, he also learned to work in the saw-mill. Aside from a period of three years during which he resided in Wendell, he has always been a resident of Leverett. He succeeded to the possession of a part of the home farm, also taking charge of the lumber business in company with his brother, who soon retired from the enterprise, leaving him to carry it on alone. Having conducted it with energy and good judgment, his efforts have been attended with satisfactory financial results.

The marriage of Mr. Dudley and Miss Alsamena Clark, of Montague, daughter of Aaron Clark, who was an early settler in Leverett, took place in 1843. They have been blessed with six children, four of whom lived to reach maturity, and are as follows: Tremaine, who married Ellen Spear, and has one child, Ralph T.; Clifford, who married Jessie Houston, and has three children, namely — William Herbert, Chandler C., and Luther L.; Mary, wife of John D. Holston, having one child, Leslie E.; and Emmons L., who resides at home.

Mr. Dudley has always been a Republican in politics, and the town has availed itself of

his valuable services in connection with the local government for many years. He has served a number of years as a Selectman, having been chairman of the board a greater part of the time, and has also served as Overseer of the Poor and Assessor for several years, and as School Committee for two years. In 1866 he represented his district in the State legislature with satisfaction to his constituents. Mr. Dudley was Justice of the Peace for twenty-eight years, ten years of that time being a Trial Justice. Mr. Dudley and his family enjoy a pleasant domestic life, Mrs. Dudley's mother, who is now (1895) ninety-four years of age, residing with them. Mr. Dudley attends the Universalist church.

JABEZ C. NEWHALL, a highly intelligent and prosperous farmer and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Conway, Franklin County, was born in this town, August 12, 1825, son of Jabez and Eunice (Livermore) Newhall, and grandson of Lieutenant J. Newhall. The latter was a native of the eastern part of Massachusetts, whence he removed to Conway as a pioneer settler, taking up a tract of land, on which he spent a long and useful life, engaged in its clearing and cultivation. He died at ninety-one years of age, and his wife at the age of ninety-three years.

His son, Jabez Newhall, was born on the old homestead; and there he grew to stalwart manhood. When he attained the age of thirty years, he left the parental roof, and purchased a place in the village of Conway, where he conducted a tavern for upward of forty-three years, and also successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. He took especial interest in military affairs, and was connected with the State militia, in which he served in the

various ranks up to and including that of Colonel. He died at eighty-one years of age. In politics he was a supporter of Whig principles. His wife, Eunice Livermore Newhall, who was the widow of Josiah Tilton, was born and reared in the western part of Worcester County, Massachusetts. She bore him three children—a son and two daughters: Sarah S., Jabez C., and Emily. Her death occurred when she was eighty-six years of age.

J. C. Newhall, who is still living in the house in which he was born, received his education in the public schools. At an early age he became familiar with the methods and processes of New England husbandry, in which throughout his life he has been successfully engaged, and, despite his seventy years, is still vigorous mentally and physically. A brief biographical notice of Mr. Newhall is given in the History of the Connecticut Valley, together with his portrait and a view of his residence. Mr. Newhall married Miss Adeline Parsons, who was born and reared in Conway, and is a daughter of Charles Parsons. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children, namely: Eunice L.; Tryphena; Ruth I.; Anna B., the wife of F. Willard Boyden; and Harry T., who is married, and resides at home, assisting his father in carrying on the farm. Tryphena died at the age of nine months.

In politics Mr. J. C. Newhall is a firm Republican, and has served his town acceptably as Selectman and Assessor. He is one of the large stockholders of the Conway Street Car Company, and is prominent and well known in agricultural circles, being a life member of the Bay State Agricultural Society and of the Franklin County Agricultural Society. He is a promoter, stockholder, and director of the Conway Co-operative Creamery and a long-time member of the Franklin Harvest Club, and

also having for six years, beginning with 1888, served as a member of the State Board of Agriculture. He is also one of the charter members of Morning Sun Lodge of A. F. & A. M. Mr. Newhall and his estimable wife are consistent members of the Congregational church.

The excellent likeness of Mr. Newhall on an adjoining page will be readily recognized.

MRS. CATHERINE TUCKER, one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of Heath, widow of the late Edward Tucker, was born in this town on December 25, 1804, daughter of David and Prudence (Fish) Henry. Her paternal grandfather, Benjamin Henry, removed from Halifax, Vt., to Colerain, where he cultivated a farm and was known as an able and successful man. He had been, it is said, a soldier in the French and Indian War, and was commissioned a Lieutenant in 1776. His name is prominent in both the military and civil history of Vermont, where he was a Justice of the Peace for many years, and several times a Representative for his district. He died at the age of seventy. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha Ayers, lived to be eighty-six. They were both members of the Congregational church.

David Henry, Mrs. Tucker's father, was the third of ten children, and was born in Halifax, Vt., June 16, 1773. He bought the Reed farm of one hundred acres in North Heath, and on it erected a small frame house, the first of the kind in the vicinity. The country was wild and sparsely settled, Mr. Henry's nearest neighbor being a mile away; but he had plenty of room for his kine and other live stock, and thirteen of his fourteen children, thriving in the fresh, untainted air, reached a healthy maturity. In politics Mr. Henry was a Feder-

alist, and at different times he acted in an official capacity in town affairs. He prospered in worldly matters, being one of the most extensive real estate owners in the vicinity.

Edward Tucker, to whom Miss Catherine Henry was married on June 14, 1853, was born in Phillipston, Mass., in 1798, son of Ebenezer and Hannah (Thomas) Tucker. Ebenezer Tucker was one of the pioneer settlers in Heath, where he tilled a farm, and was also proprietor of the first store in town. His life of eighty-four years forcibly illustrated the adage, "It is worry, not work, that kills men." His wife, too, had a long, busy life, beginning her eighty-first year. They had five children: Ebenezer, Rachel, Hannah, Edward, and Lydia Tucker.

Edward Tucker was active and enterprising from his youth, when he bought up fatted cattle and sheep and drove them to the Boston market, carrying also farm produce and bringing back merchandise, which he sold to the farmers. Each trip consumed ten days and was very tedious and trying; but the profit made on the transactions amply made up for the fatigue endured, and in course of time he became quite well-to-do in the world. He bought a large amount of real estate in Heath, including the one-hundred-acre farm which belonged to Robert Patterson, on which Mrs. Tucker now resides. The large house and barn were built by Mr. Patterson, and have been kept in such good repair that they are in much better condition than many modern houses. Mr. Tucker was a very public-spirited man. In politics he was a Republican, and held several important town offices, serving for some time as Selectman. He was greatly interested in religious matters, and regularly attended the Congregational church. He died March 29, 1883, at the age of eighty-five.

Mrs. Catherine Tucker, who is ninety-one years old, is a highly intelligent and interesting lady. The burden of years sits lightly upon her, her health being good and her memory remarkable; and she appears much younger than she actually is. She is an attendant of the Congregational church, and is well known and held in much esteem in the town. She has no children.

CHESTER CLARK, an enterprising and prosperous farmer residing in Wendell, was born on his present farm, June 11, 1832, son of Josiah and Annie (Potter) Clark, the former a native of Royalston. Benjamin Clark, father of Josiah, was born in Bridgewater, Mass., and removed to Royalston about the year 1777, then a young man. Aside from being a farmer he was an old-time singing-school master, well known throughout the surrounding towns, and regarded as an expert in this vocation. His last years were spent in Royalston, where he died at an advanced age, his wife living to the venerable age of eighty-eight. They were the parents of seven children. Both Grandfather Clark and Grandfather Potter were Revolutionary soldiers.

Josiah Clark was reared on his father's farm in Royalston, and, having grown to manhood, continued to follow agricultural labors. He earned a good deal of money for those days in working out for other farmers by the month, his specialty being the cradling and threshing of rye, and his record as a thresher in one winter, with the ordinary hand flail, having been eight hundred bushels. His active life was largely spent in this locality, he having removed to Wendell in 1817. He died in 1853, at the age of sixty-six. His wife, Annie Potter, was a daughter of Robert and Patience (Boynton) Potter, and a native of

Wendell, her father being a farmer and one of the early settlers of the town. Mrs. Robert Potter, who had been previously married, spent her last years at the home of her grandson, Chester Clark, where she died but little short of the centenarian mark, being ninety-eight years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Clark were the parents of seven children, five of whom grew to adult life, and three of whom—namely, Emery J., Mary Ann, and Chester—are still living on the ancestral farm, occupying two houses. The mother died in 1875, aged eighty-five years.

Chester Clark has spent his whole life on the old homestead, having been educated in the district school. After the death of his parents he became the owner of the farm, which consists of one hundred and forty acres. He has never married, preferring to live a life of single blessedness with his sister, who keeps house for him. They have several interesting family heirlooms, among them some books that were printed more than two hundred years ago, also some pewter plates and cups, the plates being of different sizes, from six inches in diameter to the huge platter—all over one hundred and fifty years old. In political affiliation Chester Clark is a Prohibitionist, and he has served as Selectman two years. He is an attendant of the Baptist church.

GEORGE MENDALL UNDERWOOD, one of the leading merchants of Orange and proprietor of the largest retail grocery store in Franklin County, is one of the keen, brainy, and successful young business men of this vicinity. He is a son of Thomas R. and Lucy R. (Pond) Underwood, and was born March 11, 1860, in New Salem, where his paternal grandfather, Bealy Underwood, was a pioneer settler. The

latter was descended from the Underwoods that settled in Charlestown and Newburyport in the early part of the seventeenth century. He bought one hundred acres of timbered land at New Salem, and, having built a log house, cleared a part of the land, but was thenceforth principally engaged in teaming to and from Boston. He died at the comparatively early age of forty-five years, his wife, Nancy Rich, who survived him, living threescore years. The names of their eight children were: Alfred, Mary A., Otis, Thomas R., Nancy, Sarah, Warner, and Jewell.

Thomas R. Underwood was bound out when a boy of eight years to Asa Coolidge, with whom he lived until attaining his majority. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed more or less for many years. After his marriage to Lucy R. Pond, on September 1, 1847, he moved to the Pond homestead and devoted himself to the care of his wife's parents till their death, and then bought the farm. Here he has since been engaged in general farming, and has made several improvements on the place, including a new barn and other buildings, and is enjoying his twilight years in most comfortable circumstances. In politics he is a sound Republican, and in religion a good Universalist. His wife was born July 16, 1826, in Somers, Tolland County, Conn., daughter of Prentice and Lucy (Haskell) Pond. Mr. Pond, who was an enterprising agriculturist, removed to the town of New Salem with his family in 1835, and there bought the eighty-acre farm of Silas Ellis. This farm was partially cleared and had a fine large house, which is to-day in excellent condition, being the one owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Underwood, and the birthplace of their children, of whom the following is a brief record: Prentice H., born July 10, 1848, a commercial traveller

living in Orange, married Mary Moore, and they are the parents of three children — Clara M., Ralph P., and Gladys M.; Emma V., born November 1, 1850, married George Magoon, and died leaving one child — G. Albert; Frank A., born January 26, 1853, is in the livery business in Orange; Vera E., born January 18, 1857, married William Morse, of this town, and they have two children — Earl W. and Frank T.; and George M., is the youngest of the family.

George M. Underwood was educated in the public schools of his native town, and after leaving the high school began his business life as a clerk, which occupation he followed for eleven years, the first five of them being in the employ of P. H. Underwood. He afterward travelled in different States, representing the well-known seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., and during the five years he was connected with them gave eminent satisfaction to his employers and their numerous patrons. In 1889 Mr. Underwood, in company with H. H. Adams, bought out the grocery business of C. A. Towne, in Orange, and carried on a thriving trade for some time. In February, 1895, Mr. Underwood bought out the interest of his partner, and has since continued the business alone, having now one of the finest and best-equipped groceries in this section of the State, centrally located in the Putnam Block on West Main Street, Orange. Besides groceries he carries a good stock of "Amberline," a washing fluid which he invented and manufactures himself, and which has a large sale here and elsewhere. He has also made and patented an advertising card for harness pad and a roll cover for delivery wagons, both being useful and appreciated by all who have tried them.

Mr. Underwood is highly esteemed in social, political, and financial circles, and is a mem-

ber of the Board of Trade. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1894 was elected to the office of Selectman. He is a member of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the Knights of Pythias, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, both Lodge and Encampment, and of the Orange Lodge of Red Men. In May, 1888, Mr. Underwood was united in marriage with Agnes Tashro, a daughter of the Rev. Charles Tashro, of Windsor, Vt.; and they have a pleasant home in Orange.

EDWIN WILBER, the efficient Road Commissioner of Erving, Mass., was born in this town January 18, 1839, son of Hananiah and Susan (Felch) Wilber. Mr. Wilber's grandfather, Hananiah Wilber, Sr., who was a resident of New Salem, married Esther Tyrrell; and Hananiah, the younger, was the only child of their union. He was born in New Salem, was reared to agricultural life, and in early manhood moved to Erving, where he purchased a farm in what is known as Stoneville, about one mile below the present village. Here he resided for some years, and then sold the property and moved to West Orange, where he remained until within two years of his death, when he returned to Erving and passed the remainder of his days. He died in 1885, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife Susan was a daughter of William Felch, and was born at Fitzwilliam, N.H. She became the mother of two sons and four daughters, of whom Edwin, the subject of this sketch, and Adeline, widow of the late Dwight Woodward, a mechanic and lumber dealer of Erving, are the only survivors. The mother passed her entire life on the farm in Stoneville, where she died at the age of sixty years.

Edwin Wilber received his education in the district schools, and resided with his parents

until attaining his majority. He commenced life for himself working as a farm laborer by the month in the immediate vicinity of his native town, and later became employed at the chair factory in Gardner, Mass., where he worked for a period of seven years. During the succeeding four years he acted as clerk at the Erving House, after which he labored steadily for ten or twelve years in the chair factory at Erving. In 1888 he was elected to his present position of Road Commissioner, which he has since held by repeated re-elections, his energetic and progressive management of this department having thus received the seal of general approbation.

In 1877 Mr. Wilber was united in marriage to Alice A. Lakin, a native of Hancock, N.H., and daughter of Moses Lakin, who was a prosperous farmer of that town, and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Wilber have had one son, named Leon, who died at the age of twenty-two months. Mr. Wilber was made a Free Mason at Orange in 1865, and is independent in politics. He erected his present beautiful residence in 1889.

LUTHER W. CLARK is an influential citizen and representative farmer of South Deerfield. He was born at Cheshire, Berkshire County, Mass., September 19, 1851, and is the only son of Ora Clark, a native of Newport, Herkimer County, N.Y. His grandfather, Jeremiah Clark, was a resident of New York State, following there the occupation of shoemaker the greater part of his life.

Ora Clark became an extensive real estate owner in Western New York, where he bought and sold farm property, also carrying on a farm himself. He later purchased a farm in Whately, Mass.; and there he resided until

his death, which occurred in 1884, at the age of seventy-one years. His wife was Nancy Loomis, daughter of Isaac Loomis, a clothier of the town of Cheshire, Mass.; and Luther W. Clark is the only child of their union. Mrs. Nancy L. Clark died in Cheshire, at the age of fifty-seven years. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Luther W. Clark, after acquiring the elements of knowledge in the district schools of his native town, took a business course at a commercial college, after which he spent a year in the West. Returning to his home, he engaged in work upon the farm, assisting his father, who during the last five or six years of his life was rendered entirely helpless from paralysis. At his father's death he took charge of the farm, which he carried on until 1889, when he sold it and moved to South Deerfield, where he now owns two fine farms, besides having an interest in a third—all valuable pieces of property. He is extensively engaged in market gardening, which he finds a pleasant and profitable industry.

Mr. Clark is well advanced in Masonry, being a member of Republican Lodge, the Chapter, Council, and Commandery at Greenfield, and is also connected with the Knights of Honor of South Deerfield. In politics he was formerly a Republican, but now supports the Democratic party. He invariably declined to serve in any public capacity until recently elected a Representative to the State legislature.

CHARLES T. BARBER, Town Clerk of Heath, was born in Ashfield, November 15, 1827, son of Samuel and Sarah (Barber) Barber. His grandfather also was named Samuel Barber and was an Englishman by birth. He came to this country when about twenty-five years of age, set-

ting first in Boston and later starting a tannery in the southern part of Ashfield. He went back to England in 1854, but subsequently returned to Ashfield, where he died in 1862, at the age of seventy.

His son, Samuel, Jr., who was an active and enterprising man, conducted a tannery in South Ashfield, afterward settling on a farm and taking rank as one of the most progressive farmers in the vicinity. He belonged to the old Whig party during its existence and later was a Republican. He served as a Representative in the legislature, was Town Clerk for several terms, and was a member of the School Committee. He and his family attended divine worship at the Episcopal church. Mr. Barber was twice married, his first wife, Sarah Barber, passing away in her thirty-third year, leaving five children, and his second wife, Lucinda G. Arms, bearing three children.

Charles T. Barber finished his education at Sanderson Academy in Ashfield. When he was twenty-one years of age, in company with Horace Sheldon, he opened a general store in South Ashfield, carrying on a fairly profitable business for some years. This business he finally disposed of and went on the road as a salesman, later taking the position of general manager of the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company, with headquarters in Lexington and Louisville, Ky., whence he returned to New York City. In 1861 he took charge of the export sales of the Grover & Baker Machine Company, his office being in New York City. In the same year he bought the old Maxwell homestead of thirty-five acres in Heath, as a place in which to spend his summer vacations. In 1876 the Grover & Baker Machine Company closed out their business; and Mr. Baker then went to the Wheeler & Wilson Machine Company, taking charge of their export trade, remaining with them until

1884, when he retired from business. He has since made this farm his permanent abiding-place. In 1884 he built a fine barn; and he has remodelled and added to the house, which was erected in 1782 by his wife's people, and is a substantial and well-built structure, so that now he has a handsome country seat. Mr. Barber has practically retired from active business. He employs help to carry on the work of the farm and to attend to his stock, which comprises some fine varieties.

Mr. Barber's first wife, Celestia M., daughter of Samuel Potter, a prominent farmer in the vicinity, died when scarcely thirty years of age. His second wife is Martha A., daughter of Alexander P. and Sarah (Temple) Maxwell. On the paternal side Mrs. Barber's earliest American ancestor was Hugh Maxwell, Sr., a native of Ireland, but of Scotch descent, who emigrated to Massachusetts about 1733, with his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Corbett, and their infant son, Hugh, Jr., known afterward as Colonel Maxwell, and settled in Bedford, Middlesex County. Their son Benjamin, the grandfather of Mrs. Barber, was born in Bedford, Mass., March 17, 1737 (O.S.); and in early manhood he settled in Heath, where in course of time he became an extensive real estate owner. He was Lieutenant of a company of minute-men in the Revolution, and was also, with his elder brother, Colonel Hugh, one of Colonel Rogers's rangers. Benjamin Maxwell lived to be ninety-two years old. His wife, whose name before marriage was Ann Winslow, died in middle age, leaving nine children, including six sons; namely, Benjamin, Jr., William, Sylvanus, Winslow, Frazier, and Alexander Park. The latter, who was born in Heath in 1786, was heir to a part of the old homestead in Heath; and he bought land in Charlemont near the town line, his estate covering some

three hundred acres. He was progressive and thrifty, and erected new buildings on his place, keeping everything in good condition. In politics he was a Democrat. He was a public-spirited man, taking an active interest in the welfare of the town and filling various official positions with merit, being a Justice of the Peace for years. Mr. Alexander P. Maxwell died at the age of seventy-eight, his wife living to be three years older. They were both members of the Congregational church.

In politics Mr. Barber is a Republican. He is Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Registrar. He has always taken an interest in the furtherance of education in the town of Heath, and is at present agent for school supplies. Having travelled extensively in the West and South, and spent so many years in the metropolis, he has acquired a large amount of practical knowledge, and is a valuable citizen to the town, questions of public importance being frequently referred to his judgment.

GEORGE R. FESSENDEN, M.D., is an eminent physician of Ashfield, well known throughout the length and breadth of Franklin County, his extended practice embracing all classes of people. He was born at Rochester, N.H., December 6, 1849, son of James M. and Eliza (Tibbets) Fessenden.

James M. Fessenden was born and bred in Arlington, Mass., and, when a young man, became versed in the mechanical arts. In company with a Mr. Woodruff he established a manufacturing business at West Cambridge, Mass., where they continued for some years, but later removed their plant to Rochester, N.H. In 1869 Mr. Fessenden sold out his property there, and removed to Beaver Falls, Pa., where, in company with Mr. E. J. Blake,

he made the first machine for cutting files that was ever manufactured in the United States, a business in which he was engaged until failing health obliged him to retire from active pursuits, his death, at the age of sixty-nine years, occurring soon after. He was a very successful man, accumulating considerable property, among his real estate being a valuable plantation in Mississippi. He was a staunch adherent of the Republican party, was public-spirited, and served as chairman of the Board of Selectmen. He was also active in religious circles and a member of the Presbyterian church. His widow died in 1885, beloved and respected by the many friends whom she had attracted and retained by her noble and womanly qualities. Four children were born to her, namely: William C., a resident of Beaver Falls, Pa., who married Jessie Hosmer; James and Alice, who died at an early age; and George R., of whom we write.

George R. Fessenden fitted for college at Phillips Academy, Andover, in the class of 1869, received his bachelor's degree at Harvard in 1874, and four years later was graduated from the Medical School of that university. After some months' study and experience in the hospitals at Pittsburg, Pa., Dr. Fessenden came to Western Massachusetts, first settling in Plainfield. A year and a half later, in 1879, he embraced the opportunity to buy out the residence and practice of Dr. J. R. Fairbanks, in Ashfield, where he has since been engaged in the active duties of his profession, by his thorough knowledge of medicine and his untiring devotion to his work winning the confidence and esteem of the people, and establishing an enviable reputation as a skilful practitioner. It is a striking fact, and one which speaks well for his ability and success as a guardian of health, that in twenty-one of the families that are in the habit of

calling him when needing medical attention, there is either a father or mother, or both, between the ages of eighty and ninety-five years.

The marriage of Dr. George R. Fessenden and Miss Kate M. Pratt, daughter of Frank P. and Jane K. (Fisk) Pratt, of Southbridge, was celebrated December 4, 1885; and of this happy union two bright and promising children have been born: George R., Jr., the date of whose birth was June 28, 1887; and Margaret S., whose infant life began September 20, 1891. Since coming to Ashfield Dr. Fessenden has remodelled and enlarged his house and office and rebuilt the barns. He has one of the finest collections of antique furniture and curios to be found in the county, his home being one of the most attractive and hospitable in the vicinity. Although a staunch Republican in politics, the Doctor has always been obliged to decline official honors, but has served as chairman of the Republican Committee. He is a fine speaker; and the free lectures on anatomy and physiology which he gives each season at the academy are largely attended, the size of the audience being limited only by the capacity of the hall. Dr. Fessenden is President of the Ashfield Library Association and an esteemed member of the Morning Star Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and was President of Franklin District Medical Society for two years. He is liberal in his religious views, in sympathy with the broadest-minded and most advanced thinkers of the day, his wife being an earnest and sincere Christian woman, a faithful member of the Congregational church.

FREE LIBRARY, Field Memorial Hall Building, Ashfield. This institution is an outgrowth of the old Sanderson Academy, and a history of the library necessarily includes an account of the growth of the

academy, which was established in 1816, by the Rev. Alvan Sanderson, and was probably the first school of advanced grade in the town. Mr. Sanderson was born in Whately in 1780. He graduated from Williams College in 1802, and at once took up the work of teaching, expressing, it is said, "much satisfaction in the business of instructing youth." But at that time, as to-day, there were more teachers than positions, and Mr. Sanderson finally decided to study divinity. He was licensed to preach by the Berkshire Association, and for four years labored among the destitute churches in New York, Northern Vermont, and Maine. In February, 1808, he was invited to preach at Ashfield as colleague of the Rev. Nehemiah Porter, who was then eighty-eight years old, and, accepting the call, was ordained June 22. A full account of his faithful pastorate is given in Dr. Packard's History of the Churches of Franklin County, and in the *Panoplist* and *Missionary Herald* published in 1818, now on file at the library of the missionary rooms in Boston. Mr. Sanderson was finally obliged through failing health to resign his charge, and in 1816 he opened a grammar and classical school in the village. A small one-story building, formerly occupied as a store, which stood on the hill just west of the cemetery, nearly opposite where Mrs. Wright now lives, was bought and set upon his land, directly in front of where the present academy stands. Esquire White shared with Mr. Sanderson the expense of fitting up the building, and afterward gave his share to the corporation. Scarcely a year was the frail teacher spared to do his work; for he passed to the world beyond on June 22, 1817. He left a will bequeathing a large part of his property to establish and endow an academy, and appointing trustees, who faithfully carried out his wishes.

The history of the academy from that time to the present is given fully in an interesting address at the dedication of the New Sanderson Academy and Field Memorial Hall Building, Ashfield, July 24, 1889, by Frederick G. Howes, of Ashfield, one of the present trustees of the library, which address has been published in pamphlet form. Mr. Howes mentions the names of many distinguished men who have been connected with the academy, either as teachers or pupils. As the endowment fund dwindled, the institution fell into decline; and in 1877 the building was dilapidated, and the yard was made a refuge for piles of wood and lumber. In that year two eminent men of letters, Professor Charles Eliot Norton, of Cambridge, and the Hon. George W. Curtis, of Staten Island, N.Y., who had established summer homes in the town, endeavored to resuscitate the academy, each subscribing a liberal sum. Others followed; and a permanent fund of over seventeen hundred dollars was raised, and the school was soon in good working order. As the population of the town increased, houses were built close to the school building, and trouble arose between residents and students; and the selectmen were called upon to prohibit ball-playing and other games in the street near the academy. In 1885 Mr. John W. Field, of Philadelphia, also a summer resident of Ashfield, hearing of this trouble, presented the academy with three and a half acres of land, near the village, for a playground, which was called the "Field of Ashfield."

Mr. Field dying in 1887, his remains were buried in the cemetery near his summer home; and on July 27 of that year the trustees of the academy received a letter from his widow, Mrs. Eliza W. Field, proposing to present them with seven thousand five hundred dollars

for the purpose of erecting a permanent memorial of her husband. Her letter states: "I wish that with this sum a memorial building, to be called the 'Field Memorial Hall' of the Sanderson Academy, should be erected under your charge, suitably designed and arranged to afford proper accommodations to the academy for the library, for the existing museum and such other collections as may be added to it, and for such other cognate objects as it may seem wise for you to provide for. I trust that arrangements may be made by which the library shall be free to all who may wish to make use of it, and shall be open whenever in your judgment it can be of service. My husband had very much at heart free libraries. I purpose at some future time to add to the library the bulk of the collection of books belonging to my husband and myself, a large collection of photographs, many interesting oil paintings, and our collection of bronzes." The building was accordingly erected, the three-acre lot given by Mr. Field being deemed the most suitable site; and, as the original sum was found to be inadequate, Mrs. Field supplied the deficiency, her generous gift finally amounting to over ten thousand dollars.

The first library organized in Ashfield of which we find record came into existence in 1815, and was called the Second Social Library of Ashfield. It passed through varying fortunes; and in 1866 the number of members had decreased to ten, many shares having lapsed through non-payment of annual dues. In that year Professor Norton and Mr. Curtis were instrumental in forming a new organization, which was called the Ashfield Library Association. The old society was dissolved, the volumes being divided among the members, most of whom entered the new association with their books. These, with liberal

donations from Messrs. Norton and Curtis, formed the nucleus of the present library. The institution has had many liberal patrons, one of the most active being Alonzo Lilly, of Newton, the donor of a fifteen-hundred-dollar fund. In 1867 it received by will of Addison Graves a legacy of one hundred dollars, and in 1868 fifty dollars from George C. Goodwin. In 1886 the Library Association decided to allow the pupils of the academy to use books for reference under certain regulations. In connection with her letter proposing the new building, Mrs. Field communicated her proposition to the Library Association, which fell in with her plans; and in November, 1887, an arrangement was made with the town, by which, on condition of the payment of a certain sum annually by the town, the library is made free to the townspeople.

Shortly after, the library was placed in the room provided for it in the new building, which has a shelf capacity for five thousand volumes. The gymnasium has been suitably furnished, and a liberal sum placed in the hands of Dr. G. Stanley Hall provides the school-room with apparatus and other equipment. The museum connected with the academy was originated by Dr. Hall. It shows the past history of the town in its industrial pursuits, and contains botanical and mineralogical products of the vicinity. So from the small school, established eighty years ago in a little one-story building, has arisen a noble institution; and the prayers of Alvan Sander-son that God would raise up benefactors to complete his work have been answered.

DEXTER F. HAGER, a prominent farmer of Whately, was born at Wendell, Mass., May 4, 1840, son of Charles and Myra H. (Felton) Hager, the

former of Wendell, the latter of New Salem. His grandfather, Martin Hager, who was a native of Marlboro, settled upon a farm in Wendell immediately after marriage, and resided there for many years. In 1855 he moved with his son Charles to Deerfield, where he died a few months later, at the age of seventy-six. For a more extended account of the family history the reader is referred to the History of Marlboro, Mass.

Charles Hager, the father of Dexter F., was the second of six children born to his parents. He was reared to an agricultural life, and also acquired the trade of stone-cutting, which he followed for some years, finally assuming charge of the farm during his father's decline. He subsequently sold this farm, and, purchasing another piece of property in South Deerfield, resided there until his decease, which occurred in the month of July, 1891, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Myra H. Felton, was a daughter of Daniel Felton, a farmer of New Salem, who spent the latter part of his life in Deerfield, engaged in farming. Mrs. Hager was one of seven children. She became the mother of five, three of whom are still living, namely: Dexter F.; Lydia, wife of Lucien L. Eaton, who was formerly a merchant of South Deerfield; and Otis, who resides upon a farm adjoining that of his brother.

Dexter F. Hager commenced his education in the district schools, and after pursuing a course at the Deerfield Academy, completed his studies at Powers Institute at the age of seventeen years. He assisted his father upon the farm till he was twenty-one years of age. In the month of September, 1861, he was enrolled among the volunteers who responded to the call of their country for the preservation of the Union, enlisting in Company D, Twenty-seventh Massachusetts Infantry, as a

Private. That regiment was attached to the Eighteenth Army Corps, which was under the command of General Burnside, and participated in several memorable battles. Mr. Hager was in active service for a period of twenty months. Receiving a slight wound, he was discharged at Newbern, N.C., and returned to the homestead, where for some time he continued to assist his father in carrying on the farm. He also purchased the adjoining property, upon which he now resides. After the death of his father he, in company with his brothers, conducted the farm for a time. The property was later divided, each taking a certain part, as per agreement. The brothers also for many years conducted a very profitable lumbering enterprise. At present Mr. Hager is devoting his time and energy to agricultural pursuits, which he conducts with equal success, making a specialty of tobacco.

In 1869 he married his first wife, Abbie W. Perry, of Orange, daughter of William Perry, a farmer. Her parents moved to South Deerfield in 1856, and later to Vernon, Vt., where her father died. Mrs. Abbie W. Hager died May 20, 1887, in her forty-seventh year. She was the mother of five children, as follows: Charles S., a student at Amherst College; William P., who assists his father upon the farm; Myra O.; Mary W.; and Myron E. These children all received a good education, the first four graduating from the Dickinson High School. Mr. Hager's present wife, whose maiden name was Harriet E. Wheaton, is a native of Warwick, daughter of Samuel and Elmina (Fuller) Wheaton, formerly of Winchester, N.H., and now of Rowe, Mass. She is the youngest of five children, four of whom are now living. Samuel Wheaton was born at Townshend, Vt. His life was devoted to farming, a great part of it being passed in

Orange, Mass. Mrs. Hager is the mother of one son, Robert D. Hager.

Mr. Hager is a Republican in politics. He has served as Selectman for three years, Trial Justice for six years, and for many years has been Justice of the Peace. He is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, having been Post Commander for eight years, and formerly belonged to the Grange. He is a member of the Congregational church, with which his family also are united, all being active workers in the Sunday-school. Mr. Hager has a pleasant home about half a mile from Sunderland Bridge. He is the possessor of a curious heirloom, an ancient time-piece which belonged to his first wife's great-grandfather, and which is said to have been running constantly for the past one hundred and thirty years.

JOHAN GUSTAVUS JOHNSON, lawn artist and dealer in decorations, an extensive real estate owner in East Charlemont, was born in Colerain, Franklin County, Mass., January 25, 1844, son of Isaac and Ann (Willis) Johnson. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Johnson, Sr., was born on January 29, 1762. He was a prominent farmer in Colerain, tilling the soil and tending his flocks contentedly, casting his vote on election days for the Whig candidates, and on Sundays donning his best suit of clothes and wending his way to the Baptist church to hear the word of the Lord. He died on February 13, 1842. His wife, to whom he was married on February 24, 1791, was Lydia Hastings, born November 19, 1764. She died April 13, 1860. They had eight children, six boys and two girls.

Isaac, Jr., known as Colonel Johnson, was born in 1797 in Colerain, and was a successful

farmer at the time of his marriage, but was persuaded to sell his farm and invest in the manufacture of cotton cloth in company with J. Hollister, at Shattuckville. Owing to dull times the company failed in business, and he lost every dollar he had invested. He then set up in business as a contractor for heavy masonry, and was considered authority in this line of industry. He was a staunch Republican and served the town in various offices, holding the position of Selectman for some time. He died on October 27, 1857. His wife, who was born in 1806, was a daughter of Major Daniel Willis, one of the early settlers of Colerain, who had a large farm and dealt extensively in wool. Mrs. Johnson died in April, 1867, at the home of her youngest daughter, Luana, wife of Morris Manning, of East Charlemont. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were members of the Baptist church. They had ten children, born between 1824 and 1844, eight living to grow up, three only now remaining. George C., the eldest of these, a veteran of the Grand Army, is now in his sixty-third year. He was in active service in the war of the Rebellion three years, was promoted from private to Sergeant, was in the battle of the Wilderness, also at the taking of Richmond.

He has recently united with the Methodist Episcopal church in Shelburne Falls, and is as zealous in his religious life as he was in serving his country. He is married and has a daughter and son, both married. Luana Johnson, the youngest daughter, born in 1838, is married, having one daughter and son living.

John G. Johnson was educated in the public schools of Colerain and Deerfield Academy. He was thirteen years old when he hired out to work as a farm hand for Elisha Barnard, of Colerain, for seven dollars per month and board, for six months. Being of a hopeful,

sunny temperament, he made many friends; always a willing worker, he was ready for anything that had a promise of bettering his condition financially. At eighteen years of age he was engaged as a farm hand for his uncle, Martin Winslow, of Putney, Vt.; and at the close of his summer's work there was due him for service one hundred and five dollars. His cousin, Henry Winslow, remarked to him, "Which would you rather have, a pair of stags or one hundred and five dollars?" Looking up and then turning to his uncle, he replied: "Is it not a little risky to invest your *all* in an old pair of stags? Well, here she goes!" He took the cattle for his summer's work, started on foot, and drove them two days' drive to old Deerfield, and sold them to James Stebbins for one hundred and fifteen dollars. He then engaged to work for Mr. Stebbins night and morning for his board, and go to the high school through the winter, taking care of the stags he had sold him. Here his schooling ended. We now trace his footsteps to Griswoldville, Mass., where, on the farm of John McClellen, he hires three acres of land to work on shares, raising tobacco, which proved a successful venture. Harvesting a good crop, he took it to New York City and sold it for twenty-five hundred dollars.

About this time Mr. Johnson took the agency for A. Burt & Co., of Springfield, for the sale in Franklin and Berkshire Counties of a steel-engraved portrait of the beloved martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. He proved a good salesman, literally flooding the two counties with pictures, making from eight to ten dollars a day, clear of all expenses. In 1865 he went to Long Neck, Staten Island, where he took charge of a large truck farm, and was given complete control of all the buying and selling. Three years later he bought

a grocery store; but, not having sufficient capital to stem the current of hard times, he was at length forced to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. After that he was in the medicine business twenty-five years, selling at wholesale, putting up his own medicine, Johnson's Headache and Catarrh Cure. In 1878 he bought land, and built him a fine residence on Park Avenue, Orange, N.J. In 1888 he bought the Riddle farm of fifty acres in the Deerfield valley, along the river, and fitted it up for a summer home, remodelling the house and barns and improving the land. This estate, with its majestic shade trees, velvet lawns, and green banks sloping to the river, is very beautiful; and Dr. Johnson, as he is known, makes it his permanent residence. He has purchased one hundred acres more, and keeps a choice lot of cows, sheep, and horses. In 1895 he took up the business of landscape gardening on an extensive scale, employing several men to carry out the plans in his contracts; and he also has a number of men constantly employed about his farm.

On July 4, 1865, John G. Johnson was married to Cordelia F. Green, who was living with her parents in Shattuckville, Mass., when he first met her, but was born on February 19, 1844, in New Jersey, and is a daughter of Phenix and Margaret Green, formerly of that State, where he found his wife. Mrs. Green makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, in East Charlemont. Phenix Green died in Deerfield, August 22, 1873. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have had six children. Ann M., George I., William E., Alice W., and an infant unnamed have passed away. Alford G., born June 14, 1882, is with his parents, and is a bright and promising lad. In politics John G. Johnson is a Republican. He belongs to Union Lodge, No. 11, A. F. & A. M., of Orange, N.J.

MRS. JANE S. WILLIAMS, a resident of Sunderland, Mass., born April 18, 1835, and for nearly a quarter of a century the beloved wife and helpmate of Franklin H. Williams, late a valued citizen of this town, is a daughter of Apollos and Roxanna (Bartlett) Sanderson, the former of whom was born in Sunderland, December 11, 1797. Mrs. Williams's paternal grandfather was William Sanderson, a native and lifelong resident of Sunderland. Apollos Sanderson succeeded to the possession of his father's farm, and conducted it until his death, which occurred October 16, 1860, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife was born in North Hadley, November 17, 1795, where her father was a prosperous farmer. She became the mother of nine children, of whom five are still living, namely: John, a resident of Springfield, Mass.; Roxanna, wife of Dexter Culver, of Huntington, Mass.; Elizabeth, wife of Enoch C. Collins, of Springfield, Mass.; Horace G. Sanderson, of Sunderland; and Jane, Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Roxanna B. Sanderson died in Sunderland, July 24, 1869.

Jane Sanderson was educated in the public schools of her native town, and under the maternal guidance was doubtless early trained to those arts of housewifery and home-making in which so many New England wives and mothers, not neglecting mental cultivation, have shown themselves adept. On February 13, 1867, she became the wife of Franklin H. Williams, who was born in Sunderland, February 2, 1834, son of Oliver and Mariam (Hubbard) Williams. His grandfather was an early settler in Sunderland, and his father was a well-known farmer of this town. Franklin H. Williams passed his boyhood upon his father's farm, and acquired his education in the district schools and at Williston Academy in Easthampton. After completing

his studies, he travelled for two years in the South, and then returned to Sunderland, where he succeeded to the possession of his father's farm, and successfully followed agriculture during the remainder of his life. He was one of the most enterprising men of this vicinity, thoroughly upright and honorable in business transactions, a man of high moral principles, and one whose convictions, especially in regard to temperance, were put into strenuous action. His farm was a model of liberal and intelligent management and thorough cultivation. Mr. Williams was a prominent member of the Congregational church, and in politics he was a Republican. He was much interested in educational progress, and served upon the School Board of the town for some years. The death of Mr. Williams on July 6, 1891, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, was deeply mourned throughout the community, as well as by his wife and family, on whom the loss fell most heavily.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams, namely: Frank O., who married Kathleen I. Roberts; Arthur S., who died at the age of eighteen, during his Junior year at the Amherst Agricultural College; Milton Hubbard, D.V.S., a graduate of Harvard, who is now engaged in practice, as a veterinary surgeon, at Lynn, Mass.; and Jennie Maud, who was educated in the schools of Sunderland and Amherst and at the School of Expression in Boston. Mr. Frank O. Williams is a graduate of Amherst Agricultural College, and for a time he had charge of the Experiment Station; but at his father's death he returned home, and now carries on the farm. He has one child, Arthur Franklin, who is of the fifth generation born on the old homestead, and in the same house built by his great-great-grandfather, Oliver Williams. The family are active and esteemed members of the Congregational church.

GEORGE E. WHITNEY, a prominent real estate dealer, of Orange, is a man of energy, ability, and enterprise, and is well deserving of the prosperity that has marked his onward and upward progress through life. A native of Gardner, Mass., his birth occurred May 19, 1854, at the home of his parents, Sumner P. and Eliza J. (Peabody) Whitney. His grandfather, Lewis J. Whitney, was also born in Orange, the son of an early settler of the place. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, and worked at this calling in Orange and Athol, making a good living, and being one of the active citizens. In politics he was an adherent of the Republican party, and, religiously, an earnest member of the Baptist church, of which he was sexton for a number of years.

Sumner P. Whitney was born in Orange, and received his education here and at Athol. At the age of fifteen he was bound out to learn the trade of a foundryman, but, not being able to stand the excessive heat of the foundry, gave up the occupation at the expiration of his term of apprenticeship. He was next employed for a while in the Goodspeed Chair Manufactory at Gardner, and later was in the trucking business. In 1861 he enlisted in the Twenty-eighth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry as a musician, and served for about a year. Then, returning to Orange, he worked for fourteen consecutive years for L. Kilbourn & Co., being afterward employed at the H. H. Whitney factory, finally becoming an employee of the New Home Sewing Machine Company, with whom he remained until his death, June 16, 1878. He married Eliza J. Peabody, who was born November 16, 1835. She was a daughter of William Peabody, whose birth occurred in 1793 at Wendell, where he was afterward engaged as a tanner and a farmer.

George E. Whitney acquired a practical education in the public schools, and when but a boy exhibited those stirring business qualities that have ever been important factors of his successful career. Being obliged to depend upon his individual exertions for his spending money, he began earning it, first by driving his neighbor's cows to and from the pasture, and later by peddling pop-corn on the streets, making sometimes the snug little sum of two dollars per day. For the purpose of learning a trade young Whitney entered the factory of the Gold Medal Machine Company, receiving sixty-four cents a day for his work, and subsequently became an employee at the chair factory, where his skill was such that he was soon able to command good wages. He was next engaged as a workman for S. J. Howell, manufacturer of jeweller's tools, after which he served an apprenticeship with John F. Fisher in Orange, and later purchased the business, which he followed, sometimes alone and sometimes with a partner, here and in other places, until 1892.

At that time Mr. Whitney, in company with J. W. Wheeler, established a real estate business, and opened up that part of the town known as Orange Highlands. They first purchased, from A. F. Trim, the sixty-five acres of land, included in the birthplace of Mr. Wheeler. Then from C. C. Foster they bought twelve adjoining acres, on which was born Mr. Wheeler's grandfather; and to this they added a fifty-acre tract of heavily timbered land, which they purchased of Mrs. Mary A. Ewing. This entire tract they have platted, laying out streets and lots, and have it well improved. Many of the lots that they have already sold have handsome houses now upon them; and the company has also erected five commodious and conveniently arranged houses, which are for sale. The Highlands are in the

most beautiful and healthful part of the town, having the advantage of natural scenery not found elsewhere in the county. The view is most charming and extensive, and the place is easily accessible, being but ten minutes from the post-office.

On October 22, 1876, Mr. Whitney was united in marriage with Sara J. Flagg, a native of North Orange, born November 21, 1859. Her father is John B. Flagg, formerly a farmer, now an esteemed resident of Orange, where he and his wife, formerly Margaret M. Barber, are passing their declining years, retired from active labor. Mr. and Mrs. Whitney have two children, namely: Maud G., born July 18, 1877; and Ernest E., born June 11, 1880. Mr. Whitney and his family have a most attractive home on High Street, and here they cordially welcome their many friends. He is a representative citizen of the town, and an uncompromising Republican in politics. Religiously, he is broad in his views of Christianity, and liberal in his beliefs.

CHARLES M. WILSON, M.D., one of the leading physicians of Shelburne Falls, was born in this village February 19, 1852, son of Dr. Milo and Mary (Ranney) Wilson. He is of Scotch-Irish descent, tracing his lineage back to Deacon James and Mary (McGee) Wilson, natives of Ireland, who came to America, settling in Boston in 1722, where they remained for a year or two, and then went to Londonderry, N.H., the name of this town being identical with that of the county of which they were residents in Ireland. In 1740 Deacon James Wilson removed with his family from Londonderry, N.H., to the town of Shelburne, Franklin County, Mass., buying four hundred acres of land at twenty-five cents per acre, and becoming

extensively engaged in farming and lumbering. He and his wife were the parents of nine children, seven sons and two daughters: Robert, John, Thomas, Jonathan, Samuel, William, David, Sarah, and Ann. Thomas and William went out on a scouting party, and were never afterward heard of, doubtless meeting their death at the hands of Indians; John was killed by the kick of a horse; and Samuel received a severe injury in helping to raise the first bridge over North River in Colerain, Mass.

David Wilson, seventh son of Deacon James Wilson, was one of the early settlers in East Colerain, where he became a well-to-do farmer, and died in his prime, leaving six children. One of these, whose name was David, married Sarah Long; and they had four sons—Samuel, Stephen, David, and Milo, and two daughters, Mary and Louisa. The latter, Louisa, now eighty-four years of age, wife of Lewis Ellis, resides in Belding, Mich.

Milo Wilson, who was father of the direct subject of this sketch, was born in Shelburne, November 3, 1807. Having completed his studies in the academy at Shelburne, he taught school for two or three years; and, on giving up that occupation, he bought a stock of goods, and started out on a tour through the Southern States, a number of which he visited as an itinerant merchant. He then returned North, and took up the study of medicine, receiving his diploma from the Pittsfield Medical College in 1838. Poor in pocket, but rich in intellect and ambition, he was well equipped for the practice of his profession when he opened his first office in Ashfield, Mass., in 1838, the year of his graduation. After seven years of successful practice in Ashfield he removed in 1845 to Shelburne Falls, where for thirty-five years he was busily engaged in attending to the duties of his calling, by

his courteous demeanor, genial manners, and manly independence of character winning the esteem of all. His wife, Mary Ranney, to whom he was united in 1838, when commencing his professional career, was a daughter of Captain Roswell Ranney, of Ashfield, Mass. She was born October 9, 1814, and died in March, 1877. Both Doctor and Mrs. Milo Wilson were attendants at the Baptist church.

In politics Dr. Milo Wilson was successively a Whig, a Republican, and a Democrat. Joining the Republican party on or soon after its formation, he voted for Abraham Lincoln for his first term. His next vote for President was for George B. McClellan, and he thereafter was a firm supporter of the Democratic party. He was chosen to represent the town of Shelburne in the Constitutional Convention in 1854, and was elected a Representative to the legislature in the same year, serving his constituents with ability and fidelity. He took an active interest in all town affairs, and always kept well informed on matters pertaining to the State and National government. He was especially a friend of education, repeatedly serving on the School Committee in the town of Shelburne, and was also a sincere advocate of the cause of temperance. He died, universally respected, on September 3, 1875, in his sixty-eighth year.

Charles M. Wilson, whose nativity is recorded above, acquired his general education at Shelburne Falls Academy, and began the study of medicine with his father. He was graduated from Bellevue Medical College, New York, in 1875, and after a year's practice at Shelburne Falls went to Belding, Mich., but was shortly called home on account of the death of his mother. When the home affairs were settled, he went to Cawker City, Mitchell County, Kan., and there remained thirteen years, successfully meeting the demands of a

large practice, also holding the office of Pension Examiner for four years, from 1884 to 1888. In 1891 he returned to his birthplace, where he has a constantly increasing practice, and bids fair to rival his father in the regards of his fellow-townsmen.

On April 30, 1877, Dr. Wilson was married to Lucy B., daughter of David Perry, of Shelburne, Mass.; and four children, all born in Kansas, have blessed their union: Charles P. was born May 21, 1880; Earl J., December 5, 1881; Harold D., May 10, 1884; and Minnie E., July 5, 1886. Dr. Wilson has always been active in promoting the success of the Democratic ticket. He is a member of Spirit Spring Lodge, No. 159, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Cawker City, Kan., of which he was Vice-Grand when he removed to Shelburne; and his wife was Past Grand of Rebecca Lodge of the same place. The Doctor is also a member of the Kansas branch of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and medical examiner for the subordinate lodge of that order at Shelburne Falls. In religious matters his views are liberal. His home office is the old home of Dr. Charles E. Severance, a convenient and pleasantly located residence.

SILAS TROWBRIDGE, for twenty-four years Deacon of the Congregational church of Buckland, was born in this town, March 14, 1798, and lived to the advanced age of ninety years and four months, a useful and honored citizen. He was a son of Daniel and Mary (Taylor) Trowbridge. His father was a native of Fairfield County, Connecticut; and his grandfather, Seth Trowbridge, was a lifelong resident of Connecticut. From the Trowbridge genealogy, published in New Haven in 1872, we learn that Thomas Trowbridge came from Taunton,

England, about 1636, and a few years later, 1639 or 1641, settled with his three sons, Thomas, William, and James, in New Haven. The father afterward returned to England. William, his second son, was born in England, it is thought, about 1634. William Trowbridge's grandson, Samuel Trowbridge, was grandfather of Seth Trowbridge, of New Fairfield, Conn. It seems highly probable that the latter was identical with the Seth above named as the grandfather of the subject of the present sketch.

Daniel Trowbridge, father of Silas, came from Connecticut to Massachusetts when a young man, and was married in Deerfield. From there he removed to Buckland, where he was one of the early settlers, purchasing a tract of land which he cultivated. He was a cooper by trade, and worked at cooperage to some extent. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Taylor, was a native of Deerfield, daughter of the Rev. James Taylor, a Congregational preacher, who removed from Deerfield to Buckland, and whose remains were the first buried in the old cemetery. Daniel and Mary (Taylor) Trowbridge were the parents of twelve children, nine of whom reached maturity.

Silas Trowbridge learned the cooper's trade of his father, and worked at it during his active life. Succeeding to the ownership of the homestead, he added to it by purchase, erecting good buildings and greatly improving the farm. His wife, whose maiden name was Electa Pomeroy, was the daughter of Enos Pomeroy, a native of Hadley, for some years a resident of Buckland. He was a cloth fuller by trade, and, on removing to Buckland, bought land at Buckland Four Corners, and erected a fulling-mill, which he operated, at the same time superintending a farm. When sixty-seven years of age, he fell from a beam in his

barn, receiving injuries which caused his death. His wife was Lucy Smith, daughter of Major John Smith, of Hadley. Mrs. Trowbridge was the eighth of eleven children, all of whom reached maturity; and she lived to be seventy-one years of age. She and her husband reared seven children: Luther Pomeroy, James, Rufus, Mary, Lucy Smith, John, and Electa Pomeroy. Rufus died in Boston at the age of twenty-two. John removed to Sublette, Lee County, Ill., and, enlisting from there in the Forty-sixth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry at the time of the Civil War, died in the service. Lucy Trowbridge, after attending the public schools, was successively a pupil at Franklin Academy, Shelburne Falls, and Conway Academy, and then for a number of years was engaged in teaching, seven years being thus occupied in Lee and Bureau Counties, Illinois. With that exception she has been a continuous resident of Franklin County, Massachusetts. She married Colonel Roger Hooker Leavitt, a highly influential and valued citizen, now departed, a sketch of whose life will be found just below. Mrs. Lucy T. Leavitt resides on the old homestead.

Silas Trowbridge was an old-time Abolitionist, and a stanch Republican from the formation of the party. He was a strong advocate of the temperance cause, and lived up to his principles, never using tobacco or liquor in any form. He and his wife were members of the Congregational church.

COLONEL ROGER HOOKER LEAVITT, late one of the leading men in Franklin County, was a native of Heath, Mass., son of Roger and Priscilla (Maxwell) Leavitt, and grandson of the Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, the first settled minister of

Charlemont. He received an academic education, attending first the schools of his native town, later studying at Hopkins Academy at Hadley, and for some time thereafter engaged in teaching. The latter part of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, a farm in Charlemont occupying his time and attention. He was a man of advanced ideas and genuine public spirit, and probably no one man did more toward securing the building of the Hoosac Tunnel than he. He worked in the interest of that enterprise, not only in his own immediate neighborhood, but in the legislature, where he was a prominent member of the lower branch two terms, 1868 and 1869, being elected once unanimously, and also served one term as State Senator. In educational matters, too, he was actively interested, and served as Trustee of Mount Holyoke Seminary and College. Colonel Leavitt was for some time a Deacon of the Congregational church in East Charlemont.

He was four times married. His first wife was Keziah Hunt, daughter of William Hunt, of Heath; his second wife was her sister, Eliza Hunt; and the third was Mrs. Olive Longley Warriner. The fourth, who survives him, was Lucy S., daughter of Deacon Silas Trowbridge, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Leavitt resides in Buckland. Colonel Leavitt had three sons by his first marriage, two of whom are living: John H., a banker in Waterloo, Ia.; and William H., who resides in Minneapolis, Minn. Henry, the youngest son, a graduate of Williams College, practised law in Chicago for a while, and died in Mississippi during the Civil War. Colonel Leavitt's maternal grandfather was Hugh Maxwell, who served in the French and Indian War, and also in the Revolution, being a Lieutenant at the battle of Bunker Hill, and later Lieutenant Colonel.

REV. MARK E. PURCELL, pastor of the Roman Catholic church at Greenfield, was born at Weymouth, Mass., near Boston, January 8, 1850. His father, Thomas Purcell, was born in Ireland in 1834, son of John and Mary (Quan) Purcell, whose family consisted of four sons and one daughter, all of whom reached maturity. Their eldest son John, a shoemaker by trade, was the first of them to emigrate to the United States, arriving here some time during the year 1840, accompanied by his wife and family. He settled at Randolph, Mass., where he followed that occupation for many years, becoming well known in the town as a man of more than ordinary intelligence, and possessing the esteem and respect of his fellow-townsmen. His death occurred at the advanced age of eighty-eight years.

Thomas Purcell was probably the first Irishman to establish his residence at Weymouth, where he followed the trade of shoemaking. He married Mary Quan, who, though of Irish ancestry, was American born, and the daughter of James and Mary (Lynch) Quan. They had a family of four sons and two daughters who grew to adult life, and of whom two sons and one daughter now survive, namely: Mark E., the subject of this sketch; Thomas, a physician of Holyoke; and Mary.

The Rev. Father Purcell seems to have been specially endowed by nature with many traits of character which adapt him for the service of the church and the saving of souls. His theological studies were pursued at Ottawa, Can.; and in 1879 he was first settled in his holy office as pastor of a church at Thorndike, Mass., later being called to labor at Holyoke and Indian Orchard. In 1880 he came to Greenfield, where he has since continued to labor with the persistent zeal and faith of a true Christian worker. The Greenfield parish

was established in 1848, it having been previously supplied for a time from the Chicopee parish, and later by priests from Holyoke and Northampton. It consists of about fourteen hundred souls; and the mission at South Deerfield, which numbers four hundred, is supplied from the Greenfield church.

Father Purcell is assisted by the Rev. William T. Sherry, who has occupied his present position for the past six years. He is a native of North Adams, was educated at Alleghany College, New York, and is a young clergyman of much promise. The church at Greenfield is one of the few that still adhere to the good old custom of pealing forth the Angelus three times a day. Father Purcell is a kind-hearted, courteous, and genial gentleman, ever thoughtful of the needs of others. His noble Christian character has gained for him the respect and esteem of all classes, irrespective of creed; and it may be truthfully said that his friends are composed of nearly the entire community. Father Purcell occupies the parochial residence, which, together with the church, was erected in 1859.

JOEL THAYER, one of the oldest merchants of Shelburne Falls, was born in Chesterfield, Mass., March 24, 1822, son of Orin and Orilla (Pearl) Thayer. Mr. Thayer's grandfather, Captain Joel Thayer, of the State militia, a well-known man in his day, was a native of Chesterfield, where he followed the trade of a mason, and contributed largely toward building the stage road from Chesterfield to Worthington. He purchased one hundred acres of land in Slab City, where he erected a house, and resided there for the remainder of his life. Captain Joel Thayer died in 1831, aged sixty-two, leaving two children; namely, Orin and Daniel.

Orin Thayer was born in Chesterfield, and in young manhood acquired the trade of a wheelwright. He later engaged in building mills, and in course of time bought a saw-mill with a small tract of land in Worthington, where he carried on business for a while, but finally sold the mill, and moved to Chester, then to South Worthington, and there spent the remainder of his life. He died aged fifty-six years. His wife, who died at the age of sixty-six, became the mother of seven children, as follows: Lydia, Joel, Amanda, Cranson, Amasa W., Alford M., Cranson (second).

Joel Thayer, the subject of this sketch, received his education in the district school. At the age of fifteen he bought his time, and entered the employ of E. T. Ring, a manufacturer of baby carriages and window shades in Worthington, where he remained for five years. He then came to Shelburne Falls, and with a team went upon the road, selling goods for Lamson & Co. After travelling through the New England States for thirteen years, he was engaged in adjusting lightning rods for one year in Philadelphia, and then worked as a mechanic in the cutlery business until 1859. He took charge of the Union Company's store for a year, at the expiration of which time he purchased the business, including the building, and during the Civil War conducted a large and profitable trade. He carried a full line of general merchandise for twenty-five years, when he disposed of all but the grocery trade, and in 1891 rented a part of his store to a druggist. Mr. Thayer is an extensive real estate owner, possessing property in Shelburne Falls, Buckland, and Charlemont, and besides his fine residence, which is situated at the corner of Bridge and Mechanics Streets, has one hundred and fifty acres of land near the village. He is inde-

pendent in politics, and has served as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor.

Mr. Thayer's first wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Sanderson, died, aged thirty-two years; and his second wife, Clementine McDonald, died in 1890, at the age of forty-eight, leaving three children, namely: Lucy, wife of Charles Spear, of Peterboro, N.H., having one child, Earle C.; Florence M., who resides at home; and Ernest C., who married Lena Bosworth, and died aged twenty-three years, leaving one child, who died young.

JAMES A. McKENNA, a well-known contractor and builder of Orange, and one of its prominent business men, was born in this town, April 3, 1861, son of Patrick and Bridget (Leahy) McKenna. He is of respectable Irish ancestry and parentage, his grandfather, John McKenna, having been born and reared in County Kerry, Ireland, the date of his birth being 1794. For many years he was prosperously engaged in trade there, but sold out in 1850, that he might come to America to join his son Patrick, who had sent home glowing accounts of our country. He came direct to Orange, where he lived until his demise in January, 1871. He was a genial, warm-hearted Irishman, and by his invariable courtesy won the friendship and respect of all. His wife, whose maiden name was Johanna Brown, was born in County Kerry in 1800, and died in Boston, January 4, 1885. The following children were born to them, all well known to the older residents of Orange: Patrick, Mary, Catherine, Ellen, Nonie, Anna, Dennis, John, and Martin.

Patrick McKenna, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in County Kerry, February 19, 1821, and lived there until 1849, when, animated by the spirit of enter-

prise and the love of liberty characteristic of so many of his countrymen, he came to the United States, disembarking at Boston. Proceeding thence to Vermont, he had for several years the charge of a portion of the Vermont Asylum for the Insane, performing his duties with rare fidelity and satisfaction to every one. His last years were spent retired in Orange, where he departed this life June 15, 1880, beloved and esteemed by a large circle of warm friends. At Otter River, Mass., May 23, 1853, he married Bridget Leahy, daughter of David Leahy, proprietor of the Killarney race course and hotel, near the beautiful lakes of Killarney, Ireland. Nine children were the fruit of their union, namely: John A., born March 12, 1854; Thomas F., born January 29, 1856; Anna M., born July 19, 1857; Martin M., born February 13, 1859; James A., born April 3, 1861; George S., born January 19, 1863; Edward and Stephen, born June 4, 1865, now both deceased; and Dennis, who was born December 1, 1867, and died September 22, 1869. Mrs. Bridget L. McKenna is still living, and is a resident of Orange, Mass.

James A. McKenna was educated in the common schools of Orange, and began his self-supporting career by working three years in the New Home Sewing Machine factory. His health becoming impaired, Mr. McKenna was advised to try a change of climate, and went to Kansas, where, in order that he might have out-of-door work, he learned the carpenter's trade. Returning to the place of his nativity, he has since been engaged in contracting and building, and has carried on a large business in real estate, buying land, on which he has erected substantial buildings, and then sold. The beautiful residence of Mr. Grout, the new centre school building, the New Home Company's brick storehouse, the Lamb

Block, the Weymouth mansion, and several other of the more prominent buildings of the locality were constructed under his supervision, and are a credit to his ability and good taste and an ornament to the town.

On January 1, 1888, Mr. McKenna married Miss Mary E. Stack. She was born February 11, 1861, in Amherst, Hampshire County, and is the daughter of Patrick and Eliza (Sullivan) Stack, the former, who died at the age of forty-six years, having been a successful agriculturist. His widow is now an active and finely preserved woman of seventy years. Four children have come to hallow the union of Mr. and Mrs. McKenna, namely: Marie, born October 14, 1888; Gertrude, born September 23, 1890; Alice, born April 5, 1894; and Roland, whose life on earth was but brief, he having been born October 3, 1892, and the 10th of the following March borne by the Angel of Death to his heavenly home. In political, social, and business affairs Mr. McKenna has ever taken an active interest, being a leading member of the Democratic party, a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and one of the Directors of the Orange Co-operative Bank and of the Board of Trade. He has never sought official honors, but has served satisfactorily for two years as Town Assessor.

DR. MERRITT A. BOWEN, the leading physician of Charlemont, Mass., was born in Readsboro, Vt., December 7, 1848, son of Lorenzo and Beulah D. (Blanchard) Bowen. His paternal grandfather, James Bowen, was born in Rhode Island, and when a young man settled in Vermont, eventually purchasing a farm at Readsboro, and in course of time becoming one of the most extensive farmers in the vicinity.

He was a public-spirited man, and took an active interest in politics, voting with the Whigs. He died at the age of sixty-two.

Lorenzo Bowen, son of James, was one of six children. He was born in Monroe, where his father first settled; and he learned the shoemaker's trade, but worked at it very little, shortly becoming a merchant at South Readsboro, where he conducted a successful business for ten years, and afterward engaged in farming and dealing in real estate. He was successful in his various ventures, and accumulated considerable property, his real estate aggregating five hundred acres. In politics a stanch Republican, he was very prominent in town affairs. He died at the age of seventy-one; and his wife, Beulah, lived to be three years older. They had ten children.

Merritt A. Bowen attended the common schools in Vermont, and studied at Powers Institute, Bernardston, finishing his education at Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City. While attending college, he taught school for several terms in Jacksonville, Vt., his salary aiding materially in defraying his expenses; and, before starting an independent practice, he studied with the eminent Dr. Hawkes, of North Adams, Mass., and with Dr. Scott and Dr. Bemis in Vermont. His first office was opened in Savoy, Mass., in 1873; and there he practised for seven years, coming to Charlemont in 1880. Dr. Bowen's professional training was of the best; and, with a receptive mind, a quick eye, and a skilful hand, he is one of the most reliable and popular physicians in Western Massachusetts. He has a large practice, embracing the towns of Charlemont, Hawley, Savoy, Rowe, Monroe, Heath, and Buckland. His home on High Street was formerly the Whitman residence; and, after buying the

estate, Dr. Bowen built a new barn and made other notable improvements, so that now it is one of the handsomest places in the town.

On February 25, 1875, Dr. Bowen was married to Cora E., daughter of Erastus and Julia (Robinson) Allen, of Cummington, the former a prominent merchant in that place. Dr. and Mrs. Bowen have one child, Nina Cora, born June 3, 1876. In politics the Doctor supports the Democratic platform. He takes an active interest in educational projects, and has been School Commissioner for some time. In religious views he is tolerant and liberal. Socially, he is a member of Unity Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Jacksonville, Vt., where he taught school when a student.

ALBERT S. STRATTON, a wealthy farmer of Northfield, Mass., was born in this town on November 10, 1823. He is the son of Albert Stratton, also a native of Northfield. His grandfather, Asa Stratton, who was born in 1758, son of Eleazer Stratton, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, died on March 17, 1818. Mrs. Asa Stratton, whose maiden name was Lucy Woodbury, became the mother of eight children, of whom Albert Stratton was the youngest. He was born in April, 1831, was educated in the district schools, and acquired the trades of mason and shoemaker, which, after becoming of age, he followed for some time. Later he purchased a mill in the vicinity of Northfield Street, which he operated; and he also carried on a farm, upon which he passed thirty years of his life, subsequently retiring to the residence of his son Albert S., where he died at about seventy years of age. His wife, whose name before her marriage was Lucy Stimpson, was a native of Northfield, daughter of Charles Stimpson, a life-

long resident of the town and a cooper by trade. She became the mother of two children, namely: Albert S.; and Lucy, who died at the age of sixteen years. The family attended the Unitarian church. The mother died at the home of her son, aged seventy-three years.

Albert S. Stratton received a good education in the schools of his native town, and assisted his father both upon the farm and in the mill, continuing to reside with his parents until the mill was sold, when he moved to his present home. He has a large amount of capital invested in real estate both here and elsewhere, owning valuable residences and considerable farm property in different States; and the management of this requires the greater part of his time and attention, his foresight and sound practical judgment causing his speculations to be attended with satisfactory financial results.

In 1850 he married Miss Drake, daughter of Tisdale and Ruth (Davis) Drake and a native of Maine. Her mother, who was a daughter of Joseph Davis, of that State, bore eight children, seven of whom are still living, and are as follows: Mrs. Stratton; Sarah, who married Frank Turner, of Northfield; William; Martha, postmistress at Athol, wife of Edwin Horton; Hattie, wife of Edwin Atwood; Almira, wife of George Manning, of Warwick, Mass.; and Ellen, who married Samuel Walton. The mother lived to the age of seventy-five years, her death occurring at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Stratton; and the father, who was a farmer in Northfield for many years, died at the age of eighty-one years.

Mr. and Mrs. Stratton have three children: Ella, who married Eugene Brown, teamster in Winchester, and has two children, Mabel and Nettie; Carrie, wife of Dwight Preston,

a farmer in South Vernon, who has two children, Ella and Albert; and Ernest E., a jeweller, who married Dora Stearns, of Hinsdale, and has two children, Eva and Ida. The children are all graduates of the high school in Northfield, and two of the grandchildren have passed through the high school in Winchester. Mr. Stratton is a Republican in politics, but has never been an aspirant for office. He is an attendant of the Unitarian church, and contributes generously toward its support.

ALBERT J. AMSTEIN, a well-known and highly influential citizen of Buckland, Mass., was born in Greenfield, September 22, 1857, son of Valentine and Jennie L. (Reif) Amstein. Mr. Amstein is of German descent, his grandfather, George Amstein, having been a lifelong resident of Germany, born in Waldorf, in the town of Meiningen, Saxony. He was a wealthy miller, and was popular in local political circles. He died at the age of seventy-six, his wife at sixty-seven.

Their son, Valentine Amstein, was also born in Waldorf. He worked in the mill with his father till 1852, when he emigrated to America. Securing employment in the woollen mills in Factory Hollow, near Greenfield, he spent some time there, and later worked for J. E. Russell & Co. as a mechanic. In 1859 he was engaged by Lamson & Goodnough, and worked in the forge department of their cutlery manufactory at Shelburne Falls until 1879, when he retired from active business. He dealt somewhat in real estate, and owned his home on School Street, which he improved and remodelled. He died of heart disease at the age of seventy-five. His wife was a daughter of George Reif, a miller of Meiningen, Saxony. Mrs. Amstein,

who inherits a remarkably strong constitution, is now sixty-six years of age. Mr. Amstein voted the Democratic ticket. He was a member of the German Harigari, D. O. H., of Shelburne Falls, and of the Turnverein. Both parents were members of the Congregational church. They reared the following children: Frederick W., who married Barbara Thearinger, and has one child — Florence M.; Albert J., the subject of this sketch; and Andrew, a clerk in G. W. Jenks's shoe store in Shelburne Falls.

Albert J. Amstein was educated at Shelburne Falls Academy, and, as a first essay at earning a livelihood, entered the employ of C. Sauer, boot and shoe dealer in Turner's Falls, as clerk. Later he worked for Joel Thayer, of Shelburne Falls, spending five years in his employ, with the exception of a short time when he worked on cutlery. In 1879, in company with his brother Frederick W., he opened a store for the sale of groceries and crockery on the first floor of the Methodist church building in Buckland. This is the only store of the kind at present in Buckland, and the Amstein brothers have a large and thriving business.

Mr. Amstein has been twice married. His first wife, Mary March, daughter of Lucius March, died at the age of twenty-three, her only child also, Juliana, passing away while yet an infant. His second wife, formerly Miss Hattie Glasgow, is a daughter of David and Mary (Small) Glasgow. She was for fifteen years a teacher in the schools of Buckland and Shelburne Falls, and has been for many years one of the leading music-teachers in the vicinity. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Amstein is brightened by one child, Alberta H., who was born February 23, 1885.

Politically, Mr. Amstein is a Democrat. He was nominated for Representative by the

Democratic party in 1885, and in a strong Republican town lacked only twenty-five votes for election. He has served as a County Committee, and has been chairman of the Town Committee ten years, chairman of the Board of Selectmen four years, Justice of the Peace four years, and foreman of the fire department. He is Past Chief and Patriarch of Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls, a prominent Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Turnverein, to which his brother Frederick William also belongs, both being likewise members of the Congregational church. Mr. Amstein has a handsome residence on Ashfield Street, which he built in 1894.

THOMAS O'KEEFFE, proprietor of the O'Keeffe Hotel at Miller's Falls, and a well-known and popular citizen of this community, was born in Erving, on the other side of Miller's River, September 15, 1857, being the son of Michael and Margaret (Hassett) O'Keeffe. His grandfather was a lifelong resident of Ireland, where he followed the occupation of a laborer. Michael O'Keeffe was also a native of Ireland, but at the age of twenty-four he came to America to try his fortunes on this side of the water. He located at Miller's Falls on a small farm, where he still resides. His wife, Margaret Hassett, was, like himself born in Ireland; but their marriage took place in America. Six of their eight children are now living. The record is as follows: David; Jerry; Thomas; Margaret (deceased); Mary; Annie (deceased); and Michael and John, who are engaged in the hotel with their brother.

Thomas O'Keeffe spent his early life up to twenty years of age in Miller's Falls, receiving his education in the district school, and

afterward working as a polisher in the factory of the Miller's Falls Company. Seven years later he secured a position in Winchendon, Mass., to labor at the same occupation for Goodspeed & Wyman, with whom he remained one year, and then went to Chicago, where he was similarly engaged for a time. Returning to Massachusetts, he worked for a year at Winchendon; and for a short time after leaving the latter place he was an employee of the New Home Sewing Machine Company of Orange. Mr. O'Keeffe next engaged in the saloon business at Miller's Falls, which he followed three years, and in 1892 purchased his present hotel, an attractive house and one of the best equipped in Franklin County. Mr. O'Keeffe is a most genial and popular host, and aims to make each and every guest feel at home. An intelligent and ready talker, by his cordiality and other personal merits he has won a wide circle of friends, and is doing a successful business.

On April 19, 1892, Mr. O'Keeffe was united in marriage with Kate Moroney, a native of Becket, Mass., and daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Moroney, the former of whom is a general workman and farmer. Two children have come to brighten their home: John Phillip; and Margaret, who died when a year old. Mr. O'Keeffe is an adherent of the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in all political matters. He and his wife are devoted Catholics in religion, and he is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

CLARENCE A. SMITH, a successful meat dealer and highly esteemed citizen of Conway, Franklin County, was born in Buckland, Mass., son of Simeon C. and Claney (Look) Smith, the former of whom was a native of Hawley, Mass.

Simeon C. Smith worked in a manufactory during his younger days, but later on he successfully engaged in agriculture in Buckland; and in connection therewith, during the periods when his farm work was not pressing, he employed his spare time in selling jewelry. He afterward sold his farm, and removed to Haydenville, Mass., where he secured a position in a meat shop; but not long after he purchased a farm in Northampton, and moved thither, again engaging in the vocation of a farmer, and in addition thereto conducting a meat market with good results. A few years later he went to the centre of the town of Northampton, where he purchased a meat market, and for a time successfully engaged in that business exclusively. He afterward sold out, and returned to farming in Northampton, remaining there until his death, at fifty-four years of age. His wife, Claney Look Smith, who was reared in Becket, Mass., is a daughter of Cheeney Look. She bore her husband two sons: Herbert C., employed as book-keeper by the Northampton Beef Company of Northampton, Mass.; and Clarence A. Their mother is still living, being now in her sixty-fifth year.

Clarence A. Smith remained with his parents during his youth, receiving a good practical education in the public schools. He assisted in carrying on the farm in Northampton; but soon after his father's death he went to Florence, Mass., where he obtained a position in the meat shop of Main Brothers. At the end of a year he left there to take a position in the Haydenville Brass Works, in which place he remained two years. He was next employed for about three years in the Florence Sewing Machine factory; and from there he came to Conway, and was employed by H. W. Hopkins in a meat market for five years. At the expiration of that time he pur-

chased the business of Mr. Hopkins, and has since carried it on at the same stand, where he does a thriving business, keeping three carts on the road the greater part of the time. He purchases his supplies of beef and other meats from the stock-growers of the surrounding country. On May 22, 1884, Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Anna Whitney, who is a native of Somerville, Mass., where she was reared and received her education.

CHESTER H. PLYMPTON, an enterprising farmer and respected citizen of Locks Village, in the town of Wendell, Mass., was born in Sturbridge, December 2, 1854, his parents being William H. and Lucinda (Perry) Plympton, the former also a native of Sturbridge. That town was likewise the birthplace of Jabez Plympton, his grandfather, who was a well-known man, and followed the vocation of a farmer. William H. Plympton carried on shoemaking in Sturbridge, where he died while yet in the prime of life, being but forty-five years of age. His wife, formerly Lucinda Perry, who survives him, is the daughter of John Perry, a farmer, who passed his life in Garland, Me., where she was born. She bore her husband three children, two reaching adult life: Chester H. and Charles, the latter a resident of Nebraska. Mrs. Lucinda P. Plympton is a member of the Methodist church, to which her husband also belonged.

Chester lived with his parents in Sturbridge until 1884, obtaining a good education in the common and high schools of that town, and working with his father at shoemaking, which pursuit he followed up to 1881, when he was engaged to run a stationary engine. In 1884 he moved to Wendell, on to a place adjoining his present home, where he lived

for five years, or until 1889, when he purchased his present farm of eighty-five acres. He was united in marriage March 18, 1874, with Abbie L. Chickering, daughter of Henry Chickering, of Sturbridge. Her father died in 1881, her mother having died in 1861, when Abbie was but eleven years old. They had four children.

Mrs. Abbie L. Plympton is an intelligent, capable woman, being at the present time the postmistress of Locks Village, her husband carrying the mail from that village to Wendell Depot. Their home has been blessed by the birth of three children: Fred H., Nellie E., and Myra. In politics Mr. Plympton is a member of the Democratic party. He and his family are attendants of the Methodist church, and their home is one of the pleasantest in this locality.

JOHN D. PIERCE, a practical, progressive, and prosperous agriculturist, residing at 88 Federal Street, Greenfield, was born on this same street, near the Episcopal church, May 29, 1837. His paternal grandfather, Samuel Pierce, removed here from Middletown, Conn., in the latter part of last century. For many years prior to that time he had been engaged as a flat-boatman on the Connecticut River, poling and pulling his boat, which was freighted with salt, rum, and other merchandise, from Hartford to Cheapside, and returning with a load of potash, cooperage, and lumber. He brought with him his wife and only son, John J. Pierce, who was born in Middletown in 1797.

John J. Pierce was an infant when he came to this village with his parents. He learned the tinsmith's trade, and in addition to carrying that on was for a time engaged with "Billy" Richardson in the foundry business.

He was a man of versatile talent, and remarkably successful in his undertakings. Having a taste for mechanical pursuits, he formed a partnership with Richard Field, and opened a wagon and carriage manufactory on Federal Street, where they carried quite an extensive trade. He subsequently invested his money in land, buying two hundred and fifty acres from David Willard, a portion of which is the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of this brief sketch. This property has since been divided and subdivided into town lots, a large part of it being absorbed in village homes and factories, only sixty acres being retained in the home farm. He married Eliza Field, a native of the town of Gill, the house in which she was born being now occupied by the Mount Hermon school building. Two of the children born to them died in early infancy, and three grew to mature life, namely: Anna, who resides in Greenfield, the widow of Theodore D. Judah, of Pacific Railway fame; John D.; and Charles P. The latter responded to the first call for volunteers, joining the Tenth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, and being sent to the front as Orderly Sergeant of Company G on June 21, 1861. He was very active in several engagements, and after the battle of Williamsburg was promoted to the office of Assistant Adjutant, with the rank of Captain, and was ordered to report at Cairo, Ill. He was afterward sent to intercept Early in his raid on Covington, Ohio. On account of physical disability he resigned from the army; and from that time until his decease, in April, 1889, he drew a Captain's pension. Both of the parents lived far into the winter of life, and in the transition were not long separated, the father passing away from the scenes of earth in the month of March, 1881, and the mother in the following May, the former hav-

ing spent fourscore and four years on earth, and the latter seventy-nine. Mr. John J. Pierce was a very prominent and influential citizen, taking an important place in the management of local affairs, serving as Assessor and Selectman, and, being one of the staunchest members of the Democratic party, might have had any office he chose.

John D. Pierce received a public-school education, completing his studies in the high school at Nash's Mills. He has been employed in farming the greater part of his life, his father having sold the home in the village in 1843, and moved on to the farm. Sixty acres of land are included in the homestead, ten acres of which are covered with a grove of fine oaks. Mr. Pierce has replaced the small cottage in which he lived for a score of years by a commodious and conveniently arranged dwelling, into which he moved with his family in January, 1888. The old barn, built by his father a half-century or more ago, is still in excellent repair, as is the wagon-shop, in the office of which the Greenfield cannon was stored, the plug and wiper being still in the room.

Mr. Pierce was united in the holy bonds of matrimony January 15, 1866, to Miss Ruth A. Paige, a daughter of Dr. Paige, of Chicopee Falls. Mrs. Pierce is a finely educated and accomplished woman, being a graduate of the Chicopee High School, and for some time before her marriage was a successful teacher. Three daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pierce, namely: Annie J., who was graduated from the Greenfield High School as valedictorian of her class; Alice R., a graduate of Hamilton College; and Gladys, a child of ten years. Politically, Mr. Pierce has inherited the views of his father, and is a sound Democrat. Socially, he is influential in the Masonic organizations, having been initiated



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as a Mason when twenty-one years old. He is an Episcopalian, his father having been one of the founders of the church of that denomination in Greenfield and a vestryman.

FATHER W. BALTHASARD, who is a highly respected citizen of Shelburne Falls, but whose parish covers the towns of Colerain, Conway, and Shelburne, was born at Iberville, Canada, on December 4, 1861, son of Joseph Balthasard, who was also a native of that place. The history of the Balthasard family in Canada extends through ten generations, and the first representative of the family in America came from France. An account of ancestors of Father W. Balthasard is contained in Mgr. Tangnay's Dictionary of Canadian Families. His grandfather was John Baptist Balthasard.

Father W. Balthasard pursued his early studies, or commercial course, in St. John's, Canada, and completed his education in the college of St. Hyacinthe, Canada, from which he was graduated in the class of 1886. He then remained in that institution for three years as professor. On May 30, 1889, he was ordained as priest for the Springfield diocese, after which he was stationed at Holyoke and Worcester until February 12, 1893, when he was appointed pastor of Shelburne, Conway, and Colerain. A parochial residence is now being built for him in the village of Shelburne Falls. His time is now pretty thoroughly employed with his duties in these different places, a good deal of travel by team being necessitated. His congregation at Shelburne Falls is composed of the members of fifty-five families. That at Conway includes thirty families, and the one at Colerain represents about fifty families. These churches have prospered under his management.

HON. CHARLES A. TOWNE, who has recently been elected a member of the Governor's Council for 1896, is a highly respected and valued citizen of the town of Orange, which has long been his place of residence and the scene of his varied activities. Energetic and enterprising, admitting of no such word as failure, he has met with success in his ventures, and has attained a leading position among the most intelligent and capable business men of this community. He was born in Dana, Worcester County, Mass., on October 3, 1843, son of Ichabod, Jr., and Amelia (Doubleday) Towne, and comes from one of the old Colonial families of Essex County. The original ancestor in this country, William Towne, emigrated from Yarmouth, County of Norfolk, England, with wife and six children about the year 1635, it is said, and in 1640 received a grant of land in Salem, Mass. In 1651 he bought land in Topsfield and removed to that town, where he died about twenty-one years later. His fifth child, Jacob Towne, married Catherine Symonds; and their son Jacob married Phebe Smith. John Towne, son of Jacob and Phebe, married a widow, Mrs. Abigail Stanley Towne; and in 1748 they removed to Greenwich, Hampshire County. Their son Jonathan, who was born in 1719, was also an early settler in Greenwich, which place is said to have borne the name "Quabbin" before its incorporation in 1754.

This brings the record down to the grandfather of Mr. Towne, of Orange, Ichabod Towne (son of Jonathan by his first wife, Sarah Fowler, of Hartford), born in Greenwich, March 10, 1775. He was reared to agricultural pursuits; and, having purchased a farm in Dana, he made it his permanent abiding-place, carrying it on with excellent success, and continually adding to its improve-

ments. Both he and his wife, Lydia Whipple, who was the descendant of one of the prominent pioneer families of that town, lived to advanced age. They reared a family of eight children: Lydia, Sarah, Fidelia, Ichabod, Edna, Mary, Alzina, and Jacob.

Ichabod Towne, Jr., was born in Dana, January 21, 1810, but when quite young left home to work on his uncle's farm. Having a laudable ambition to possess a home of his own, he labored diligently, and, saving most of his earnings, in time secured enough money to warrant him in buying the old homestead, to which he was bound by so many pleasant remembrances. He conducted its operations successfully; and, as the years rolled by, he purchased other land, his estate being one of the finest-improved in the vicinity. Although seemingly of a vigorous constitution, he did not live to complete the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was a man of influence in local affairs, and served acceptably in the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. In religion he was of the liberal faith, being a strong Universalist. He married Amanda Doubleday, a daughter of Joseph and Lucy (Towne) Doubleday; and she outlived him, dying in the sixty-eighth year of her age. They were the parents of the following children: Lucy, Mary, Jacob A., Charles A., Amanda O., and Ichabod F.

Charles A. Towne as a boy was gifted with good mental powers and acquired his education in the schools of his native place, spending his boyhood days upon the farm with his parents. At the age of twenty years he engaged in mechanical pursuits, which he followed at Westfield and North Dana, in March, 1870, coming to Orange, where he was employed for eight years by the New Home Sewing Machine Company. He then formed a partnership with Mr. Ballou; and under the

firm name of Towne & Ballou they opened a grocery store in Putnam's Block, and for two years were successfully engaged as dealers in groceries and grain. Afterward Mr. Towne bought out his partner and continued alone until 1889, when he sold out the entire business. Mr. Towne and Miss Emma C. Stone were united in marriage on February 18, 1869. Mrs. Towne is the daughter of H. E. and Fanny (Richardson) Stone, her father being now a resident of Springfield. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Towne died in infancy.

Mr. Towne is a member of the Universalist society of Orange. In political, social, and religious circles he has always been prominent and influential, and has ably served to promote the best interests of his community. He is a staunch Republican, and in 1877, 1878, and 1880 filled the offices of Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor. In 1883 and 1884 he was a member of the House of Representatives, and in 1887 and 1888 was a State Senator. In 1890 he was appointed by the governor to a position on the State Board of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners, where he served a term of three years. He is also prominent in Masonic circles, being Past Master of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., a member of Crescent Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and of Orange Commandery, Knights Templars, also a member of Social Lodge of Odd Fellows. An excellent portrait of Mr. Towne is here given.

GEORGE H. LAWRENCE, a prominent manufacturer of the town of Orange, and one of its most enterprising and respected citizens, was born at Harvard, Mass., July 14, 1843, being one of a family of ten children of Andrew and Laura A. (Bridges) Lawrence.

Abijah Lawrence, the father of Andrew, was a native of Bolton, Worcester County, Mass., where he was engaged in general farming and stone-mason work during his years of activity. He lived to the ripe old age of ninety years, being at the time of his decease one of the oldest native-born citizens of the place. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat, and in religion was a Baptist. He reared seven children: Abijah, Alvaris, Kimball, Andrew, Martha, Lowiena, and Susan.

Andrew Lawrence was born in Bolton, and was initiated into the art of agriculture on the paternal homestead, where he remained until attaining man's estate. He started in business for himself as a lumber dealer, subsequently removing to Harvard, and buying a saw-mill and a grist-mill, both of which he operated successfully for a number of years. On his retirement from the active pursuits of life he came to Orange, where he died, at the age of seventy-six years. His widow is still living, and makes her home with the subject of this sketch. She was born October 5, 1817, at Westboro, Mass., daughter of James and Johanna (Woods) Bridges, the former of whom, a well-to-do farmer, lived to the age of seventy-five years; while the latter completed very nearly a century of life, dying at the age of ninety-nine years, ten months, and eight days. Their three children were: Martin, Julia, and Laura A. (Mrs. Lawrence). The record of the children born to Andrew and Laura A. (Bridges) Lawrence is thus given: Alfred, who was for a time in the United States navy, and later was a soldier in the Civil War, a member of Company E, Sixteenth Massachusetts Heavy Artillery, was taken prisoner at the battle of Bull Run, and is now supposed to be dead, the last heard from him having been through a letter mailed at Washington, D.C.; Frederick, whose first

wife, Jennie Hodges, died, leaving one child, Herbert, by his second wife has one child, Lillian; Emory, deceased, married Lizzie King; Albert married Louise Kinsman, and both died, leaving two children, Arthur and Willie; George is further mentioned in the following paragraphs; Joseph is married; Charles is a grain dealer in Orange, also married; Laura died at the age of twelve years; and two children died in infancy.

George H. Lawrence was reared to habits of industry and thrift, and, having great natural ability as a mechanic, early turned his attention to pursuits of that character. When quite a young man, he came to Orange, where in 1872 he bought from Deacon Davis the old mill property located on East River Street, and, erecting a factory, continued his business of manufacturing toys, and introduced the manufacture of hair brushes, subsequently making his establishment the headquarters for manufacturing brushes of different varieties — an employment in which he was engaged for eight years. Since that period Mr. Lawrence has been an extensive dealer in lumber of all kinds, and has carried on a very large business in the manufacture of boxes and house finishings, being one of the leading manufacturers of this line of goods in the county. In 1872 he built the pleasant residence which he occupies; and he has also advanced the growth and prosperity of the town by the erection of other houses, the larger part of which he has sold.

Mr. Lawrence's first wife, Lizzie Webster, a daughter of Henry Webster, died in early womanhood. The maiden name of his second wife, the present Mrs. Lawrence, was Maria Smith. She is a daughter of Sullivan and Laura Smith, and of their union three children have been born; namely, Nelson, Georgie, and Walter A., of whom the two

first-named spent but a short time on earth. Mr. Lawrence is a stanch advocate of the principles of the Republican party; and, socially, he is a valued member of the Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

STEPHEN C. NEWCOMB, a successful and respected farmer of Leyden, was born in that town, August 19, 1839, son of Charles W. and Mary (Shattuck) Newcomb.

His grandfather, William Newcomb, was one of the pioneer settlers of Bernardston, and made his living by tilling the soil. Of his eight children, all of whom attained maturity, Charles W. Newcomb and Mrs. Harriett Hinsdale, who resides in California, are now living. He died at about forty-five years of age, while his wife lived to be nearly eighty years old.

Charles W. Newcomb, born in Bernardston, November 30, 1806, worked for a time as a cloth-dresser, but spent the major part of his life in farming. He is one of the oldest citizens of Leyden, and is at the present time living with his son, Allen S. Newcomb. His political principles are Democratic. He has been twice married; and his last wife, before marriage Miss Mary Shattuck, died at the age of forty-four years. In religious belief both were Universalists. He was the father of eight children, six by his first wife and two by his second. They were as follows: Charlotte, who died at eleven years of age; Susan, the wife of W. C. Pomeroy, of Northampton; Jonathan S., of Bernardston; Stephen C.; Henry W., of Greenfield; Almira F., residing in California; Alexander Harris Newcomb, of Deerfield; and Allen S., of Leyden.

Stephen C. Newcomb, the subject of this memoir, grew to manhood in Leyden, receiv-

ing a good education in the schools of that town. At sixteen years of age he made a start in life by going to Newburg, N.Y., and securing the position of foreman in Sculptor Brown's place. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted at Newburg with Company D of the First New York Rifles. He subsequently took part in forty-five or fifty engagements, which included the siege of Suffolk, Va., Hampton Roads, siege of Petersburg, and the battle of Drury Bluff. In the course of his military service, while with his regiment at the front, three horses were shot under him; and he himself was disabled, in consequence of which he was confined in hospital for a time. He received his honorable discharge September 16, 1864. Fifteen years from the time he was first engaged by Mr. Brown he went to Northampton, Mass., and three years later to Leyden, where he has resided since. In November, 1874, he purchased the farm of forty-five acres which he now owns and very successfully cultivates.

Mr. Newcomb was married January 10, 1866, to Miss Rebecca J. Daley, of Newburg, N.Y. They have no children. In politics he is with the Republican party, in whose principles he is a firm believer. He is a member of the Edwin E. Day Post, No. 174, Grand Army of the Republic. In religious belief he is a Universalist, while his wife is a Baptist; and both are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal church. They reside in a comfortable home in a situation much favored by nature.

MRS. MARGARET SLATER, a well-known and highly respected resident of Shelburne Falls, is the widow of the late John Slater.

Mr. Slater was born in Dublin, Ireland;

and at the age of seventeen years he entered the English army as a private. He served between nine and ten years, during which time he underwent many hardships and privations. His regiment was stationed for a time at Gibraltar, after which it was ordered to Montreal. Here Mr. Slater obtained his freedom from further military service by paying a sum equivalent to ninety dollars. He succeeded in obtaining an appointment on the police force in the following year. After this he went to Boston, and engaged in the plumbing business for several years. From Boston he came to Shelburne Falls, where he entered the employ of the Lamson & Goodnow cutlery firm. He was working at the latter place, when one day, as he was crossing a bridge with a heavily laden wagon, the timbers gave way; and both the team and Mr. Slater were precipitated through the bridge. On this occasion he received injuries from which he never recovered, and which eventually caused his death. After that he was unable to do much work; and in 1887 he died, being then sixty-three years of age.

His marriage with Miss Margaret Webb took place in July, 1854. She is a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Keaton) Webb. Her father successfully followed the occupation of steward. Both her parents lived to a good old age. Mr. and Mrs. Slater's union was blessed by the birth of five children, four sons and a daughter, as follows: William, who lives in Buckland, and is in the employ of the Fitchburg Railroad; Margaret, the wife of A. J. Brooks, residing with her mother; John, a successful mechanic, living in Buckland, Mass.; Michael and Henry, both remuneratively employed as mechanics.

In politics Mr. Slater was a Democrat, and both he and his wife were consistent members of the Roman Catholic church.

EUGENE BULLARD, a widely known farmer and lumberman, has lived in New Salem since the day of his birth, September 21, 1836. His parents were William and Faith (Coolidge) Bullard. His great-grandfather, Henry Bullard, was a man of prominence in the town of Medway, not far from Boston, his ancestors having been early settlers in the eastern part of the State. There Liberty Bullard, son of Henry, was born in 1776, and on his father's farm grew to manhood. He afterward purchased land, and was numbered among the progressive agriculturists of that locality until 1816, when he sold out his possessions and came to this county, locating in that part of New Salem originally known as Orange. He bought one hundred acres of wooded land, cleared off the timber, and erected a comfortable set of buildings, where he and his wife passed their remaining years. He lived out the allotted threescore years and ten, while she attained the age of seventy-six. He was twice married, his first wife being Abigail Learnard, who died in Medway, leaving three children: Edward, William, and James. He afterward married Hannah Holbrook, who bore him five children: Abigail, Betsey, Hannah, Aaron, and Guilford. Politically, he was a strong adherent of the Whig party; and he attended the Baptist church, of which his wife was a consistent member.

William Bullard was born in Medway in 1806. He came with his parents to New Salem, where he received his education, and, when a young man, bought the farm now owned and occupied by Mr. Turner. There he successfully carried on general farming and stock-raising until his death at the age of seventy-two years. He was known as an excellent citizen, a kind neighbor, and a faithful husband and father. In his younger days he

was an uncompromising Whig, but on the formation of the Republican party became one of its staunchest supporters. He served in various minor offices of the town, and during the years of 1852 and 1853 was one of its Selectmen. He married Faithy L. Coolidge, a daughter of Asa Coolidge. Mrs. Faithy L. Bullard died at the age of sixty-eight years. Her children were: James, William L., Eugene, and Cooley J.

Eugene Bullard, having obtained a good education in the public schools and the academy of New Salem, taught school for three years. He next opened a country store at North New Salem, where for six years he was engaged in mercantile business, materially aiding in the advancement of the village interests, it being through his instrumentality that a post-office was established there in 1864. This was a great boon to the town, for the nearest office to that village was four miles distant. Mr. Bullard had the honor of being appointed the first Postmaster. Selling out his store, he bought the A. K. Smith farm of one hundred acres, which he has since cultivated with profitable results, besides carrying on a large business in lumber, buying wood lots from which he clears off and sells the timber, using in his business some of the finest draft horses to be found in the country. The house in which he resides was built by Eben Tenney about a century ago. It has been remodelled and is in excellent condition.

Mr. Bullard's first wife was Vira A. Curtis, a daughter of Ingalls A. and Susan (Eddy) Curtis. She was born in New Salem, May 30, 1834, was married May 12, 1863, and lived scarcely three years after, her death occurring March 6, 1866. She left one daughter, Angie V., who was born March 26, 1865, is married to Elmer E. Davis, of Athol, and has one daughter, Gertrude I. On the 1st of

January, 1867, Mr. Bullard married Sarah E. Gill, a native of Barnet, Vt., who was born July 12, 1842, being a daughter of Willard and Sarah (Chamberlin) Gill. Her father was a carder and clothier in his younger days, but was afterward an employee in the Fairbanks Scale Works. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gill passed their last days in New Salem, he dying at the age of sixty-nine years, and she at seventy-nine. She was the mother of five children: Willard S., George, Joshua, Mary J., and Sarah E. Mr. Gill was a Whig in politics until the organization of the Republican party, when he joined its ranks. He served in many of the town offices. He was a member of the Congregational church, in which he served faithfully as Deacon for forty years.

Faithie L., the eldest of Mr. Bullard's three children by his second marriage, was born November 14, 1867, and died October 19, 1887, while a pupil at the Northfield Seminary. The two sons, William, born November 26, 1871, and Robert, born October 18, 1873, are in the lumber business with their father. Mr. Bullard is a staunch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party; and, although the town is decidedly Republican, he has served three times as Selectman, in 1866, 1893, and 1894, during the latter year being chairman of the board. For several years he has satisfactorily filled the office of Justice of the Peace, besides holding minor positions. Mr. Bullard is one of the enterprising and substantial men of his town, and his busy life has yielded him a handsome competency.

THOMAS WHITE, senior member of the dry-goods firm of White Brothers at Greenfield, this county, stands conspicuous among the successful merchants of this section of the State, and is everywhere

recognized as a thorough-going and straight-forward business man, honest and upright in all of his transactions. He was born in Scotland in 1856, and doubtless inherited those qualities of ambitious industry and wise thrift that have contributed so largely to his present prosperity. He is a son of James White, of Torphichen, Scotland, a carpenter and builder.

The father was a skilful mechanic, and, though he never amassed a fortune, he gave each of his children a good education; and before his death, which occurred at the advanced age of eighty-three years, in April, 1894, he saw them all well settled in life. He married Ann Burns; and of the nine children born of their union—five sons and four daughters—all are living excepting one daughter, and all are married. The mother, now an active woman of seventy-seven years, still lives on the old homestead at Torphichen. Two of the sons are also living in their native country, Walter being an engineer in a shipping yard, where he served his seven years' apprenticeship, and James having succeeded his father as a carpenter and builder. The other three sons are living in Massachusetts, David being a dry-goods merchant in Boston, and Alexander a partner with Thomas in this village. David was the first to emigrate, coming to the United States in 1872, Thomas following the next year, and Alexander coming in 1876.

Thomas White began his career in mercantile business when twelve years old, serving an apprenticeship of four years in his native land. His earnings were meagre; but, having an object in view, he practised great economy, and in a few years saved enough to pay his passage to America, having five dollars left when he landed at Point Leaver, Quebec, a stranger in a strange land. He made his

way to Portland, Me., thence to Boston, where he soon found employment in the old Scotch dry-goods house of Hogg, Brown & Taylor, the last-named gentleman having also been a native of Torphichen, Scotland. Mr. White began work for that firm at fourteen dollars per week, and was with them nine years, his salary being increased in the mean time to twenty-two dollars a week. In 1882 Mr. White came to Greenfield, and in company with John Still opened a dry-goods store, the firm carrying on business for a year under the name of Still & White. Mr. Still retiring, Alexander White became the junior partner; and the firm has since been known as White Brothers. They have a spacious and well-furnished store in the American House Block, being one of the finest in this vicinity, and do a business amounting to seventy-five thousand dollars per annum, giving employment to eleven clerks.

Mr. White married Miss Nellie Burus, a native of London, England, who crossed the ocean to become his bride. Their first-born, a son, Arthur, died at the age of fifteen months. Six daughters brighten their home at 54 Federal Street; namely, Lillian, Marion, Margaret, Ann, Catherine, and Jessie. In politics Mr. White is a sound Democrat, and for seven years served as one of the Board of Registrars. His estimable wife is a conscientious member of the Baptist church, in which she is an active worker.

PARLOW M. PETERSON, a prosperous farmer of Colerain, was born June 2, 1840, on the farm where he resides, son of Nelson and Mary A. (Holland) Peterson, also natives of Colerain. Mr. Peterson's farm has been in the family over one hundred years, the first to break the soil hav-

ing been his great-grandfather, Jonathan Peterson, who lies buried in the Branch Cemetery.

The grandfather, Sylvanus Peterson, was born March 10, 1788, carried on the work begun by his father, laboring assiduously to improve the estate. He was a good citizen, in politics a Whig, and in religion of liberal views. He died at the home of his son Jonathan, in Heath, August 22, 1867. On December 24, 1808, he was married to Lovina Call, a native of Colerain, who was born March 26, 1789. Grandmother Peterson was a member of the Baptist church, following its teachings during her long life of nearly seventy years. She passed away on December 9, 1857. They had thirteen children, born between 1809 and 1836, all of whom reached adult life.

Nelson Peterson, the father of Mr. Peterson, born in Colerain, May 16, 1811, was brought up on the home farm, and naturally took to the duties of agricultural life. At his father's death a part of the farm came into his possession. This he increased as prosperity enabled him to, purchasing other land in the vicinity. He was an industrious and enterprising man, took an active part in the affairs of the town, serving as Assessor, besides filling minor offices, and acting as Selectman for several terms. In politics he was a Republican. He died in the house where he was born on July 25, 1876. His wife laid down the burdens of life on January 17, 1889. They had three children, as follows: Orinda, born December 6, 1835, wife of John B. Purington, a farmer in Minnesota; Harlow M., the subject of this notice; Eunice L., wife of W. W. Stowe, a farmer in Halifax, Vt.

Harlow M. Peterson attended the district schools of the town, following the same path which had led his father and grandfather to the larger knowledge of manhood. Living on

the home farm, at the age of twenty-four he took upon himself a large share of its management; and in 1875, one year before the death of his father, he bought the entire property, embracing two hundred and eighteen acres of land. It is a good farm, with substantial and well-kept buildings and other indications of the owner's wisdom. His occupations, besides general farming, include fruit-growing, stock-raising, and lumbering.

Mr. Peterson was married on November 17, 1864, to Ellen R., daughter of Orrin and Sophia (Taylor) Hawkes, of Charlemont, born January 5, 1845. Mr. Hawkes was born in Charlemont in 1794, and his wife in Buckland, April 11, 1805. Both are now deceased. They had nine children, five of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have five children: Charles O., born September 7, 1866, a brick mason in Springfield, married in 1889 to Susie V. McClellan, and father of two children, Herbert M. and Irene; James H., born March 8, 1872, a farmer at Shelburne; Myron N., born January 5, 1870, a carpenter in Springfield; Helen A., born July 21, 1877; and Ralph H., born April 7, 1885, at home with his parents. In politics Mr. Peterson is a Republican. He has been Assessor for four years, takes an active part in promoting the welfare of the town, and is counted among its leading citizens.

NATHANIEL S. RICE, a reliable and esteemed citizen of Rowe, was born in the town of Colerain, August 1, 1836, son of Moses and Ann (Smith) Rice, and grandson of Nathaniel Rice. The grandfather was born in Charlemont, and was a farmer by occupation. He also owned and conducted a tannery at East Charlemont for some years. He was a prominent and influ-

ential man and an elder in the church. His children were: Emily, Amy, Moses, Mary Francis, Rosina, and Emeline.

Moses Rice, father of Nathaniel S., was born in Charlemont, Mass., and there educated in the public schools. He learned the trade of tanner with his father, and worked for him until attaining his majority. He then bought the business, and conducted it for several years with fair success. Subsequently he sold it, and moved to the town of Colerain, where he bought a farm, and also carried on the business of shoemaking for some time. Selling his farm, he went to Holyoke, where he engaged in the manufacture of boots and shoes, and also conducted a retail store. He was succeeding rapidly when he died, at the age of fifty-four years, closing an active and useful life. His wife, Ann Smith, survived him, and attained the remarkable age of ninety-seven years. Their children were: Prudence B., Clark M., Jennie A., Nathaniel S., Calvin S., and Emeline M. The family professed the Baptist faith, and the father was an old-time Whig in politics.

Nathaniel S. Rice received a limited but practical education in the schools of his native town. When but thirteen years old, he commenced to work at farming. At sixteen he went to Holyoke, where he entered the machine-shops to learn the trade of machinist, remaining there four years. He was then employed for some time by the Hadley Falls Manufacturing Company; but, finding a life of confinement in the shop unfavorable to his health, he laid down his tools, and started out on the road as salesman. After one summer's experience in this occupation, he bought the stage line between Colerain and Greenfield, still with a view to benefit his health, and drove the coach for four years. At the end of that time, feeling inclined for

another change, he went to Halifax, where he worked in the saw-mills and among the pine and spruce timber for two years. He then engaged in agriculture, buying a farm at Wilmington, Vt., and following a farmer's life for two years. After a short stay in Shelburne, where he followed the occupation of turner, he came to Rowe in 1884, and purchased a home, where he has since resided. He has remodelled the house, and is now engaged in keeping city boarders. He also runs a stage route. He is a Democrat, and is liberal in his religious views.

On July 22, 1858, he married Miss Nellie M. Roberts, daughter of Goodwin and Lillian (Bishop) Roberts, the former of whom was born in Colerain, son of Hoel and Susan (Sturdivant) Roberts. Hoel Roberts was a native of Hartford, Conn., and came to Colerain when a young man, bringing with him as capital half a bushel of silver half-dollars, which he had inherited from his father. He bought a large tract of new land in Colerain, which he cleared; and on it erected good buildings, becoming very prosperous. He held several town offices. He died at the age of sixty-two, and his wife died in her seventieth year. His son, Goodwin Roberts, was born in Colerain, and came into possession of the old homestead of two hundred acres. This he afterward sold, and then went to St. Lawrence County, New York, where he engaged in farming for five years. Later he returned to Colerain, where he died at the age of sixty-two. His wife died at the age of thirty-eight years. They had two children: Clayton and Nellie M., the latter now Mrs. Rice. After his wife's death, he married again, his second marriage being to Mrs. Sarah Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel S. Rice have had two children: Hattie, who died at the early age of sixteen, just as she

was budding into womanhood; and Lelia, another promising daughter, who was taken away at the age of nineteen.

JAMES H. BABBITT, an extensive farmer and fruit-grower in Colerain, was born June 17, 1820, on the farm where he now lives, son of Henry and Mary (White) Babbitt. His paternal grandfather was Henry Babbitt, Sr., born December 27, 1764, the first of the Babbitt family to settle in Colerain. Grandfather Babbitt was among the early settlers of this part of the State, taking a tract of wild land, and improving it so that it became a fine farm. He was a good citizen and a valued member of the community. He died in Hartwell, Readsboro, Vt., when about eighty-five years of age. His first wife was Mary Faulkner, born February 7, 1762. She was the mother of six children, born between 1789 and 1806, all of whom attained maturity. They were: Mary, Anna, Sarah, Phoebe, Henry, and Enos. Mr. Babbitt's second wife lived to be ninety years of age.

Henry Babbitt, Jr., father of Mr. Babbitt, was born June 18, 1799, in the north-western part of Colerain, in which town he spent the greater part of his life. He was an industrious farmer, but lived hardly long enough to get a firm footing upon the road to prosperity, as he died at the age of thirty-nine. He was subject to heart disease, and on November 29, 1838, was found dead by the roadside. His wife, to whom he was united on April 6, 1819, was the daughter of James and Hannah White. Her father, the maternal grandfather of James Babbitt, was a Revolutionary soldier, who served throughout the War of Independence, fighting under Washington. When the army was disbanded, he cleared a

tract of land in Colerain, and made a home, becoming quite an extensive owner of real estate here and in other towns. On his Colerain property he planted many fruit-trees, which produced plentiful crops. He also had a distillery and a cider-mill, and one year made over seven hundred barrels of cider from apples gathered from his own trees. He died at the age of eighty-six, his wife having laid down the cares of life some time previously. They had fifteen children, thirteen of whom lived to a good age. One of them, Mrs. Alona Clapp, widow of Franklin Clapp, a resident of Deerfield, is now in her eighty-sixth year. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Babbitt, Jr., had six children, three of whom are deceased, namely: Mary Ann, born February 6, 1823, who became Mrs. Brown, and died in September, 1894; Jane Maria, born March 1, 1825, who died January 24, 1831; and Esther Sophia, born April 29, 1827, and died in March, 1876. James H., Lewis W., and Elmer W. are the survivors.

Lewis W. Babbitt was born in Heath, May 3, 1836, and was a little over two years old when his parents moved to Colerain, in which town his life has since been passed, following the quiet routine of farm life. He is the owner of seventy-five acres of land in Colerain and forty-five in Heath. He is unmarried, a staunch Republican, and for ten years Highway Surveyor. Elmer W. Babbitt was born July 5, 1838, in Heath. He is a carpenter and joiner by trade, and has passed the greater part of his life in Whitingham, Vt., whither he went shortly after attaining his majority. He is now a resident of Readsboro, Vt. He also is a bachelor. In politics he is a Republican.

James H. Babbitt was born on the farm where he now resides. He attended school in this town and also in Heath, and has been en-

gaged in agricultural pursuits since childhood, spending the greater part of his life on the home farm, his share of which comprises seventy-five acres. It is part of the old Whiten estate, which originally covered one hundred and fifty acres, and descended to the Babbitts through their mother, being now divided between Lewis and James, who carry on general farming, making a specialty of dairy products and fruit-growing. Some of the old trees planted by Grandfather White are still on the farm, and the vigorous growth of later years is not behind its predecessors in the production of abundant crops.

James H. Babbitt was married at the age of twenty-seven to Tryphena Harris, daughter of Bariah and Irena Harris, who were among the early settlers of the town, and are both now deceased. Mrs. Babbitt's grandfather, Timothy Harris, was born May 11, 1765, in Rhode Island, and moved to Colerain in 1805, settling in the north-western part. He was an industrious farmer, and lived to be upward of eighty years old, spending his last years in Indiana. He was an old-time Whig, and in his religious views was liberal. His wife, Ann, a native of the same State, born December 13, 1767, was the daughter of Caleb Howard, a wealthy ship-builder, who was at one time candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island. Mrs. Howard lived to the age of ninety years, dying in Colerain. They had thirteen children, all of whom are now deceased. Bariah Harris, Mrs. Babbitt's father, was born July 23, 1790, and died in Masonville, N.Y., February 7, 1877. His wife, to whom he was married January 17, 1814, was Miss Irena Smith, of Halifax, Vt. She died in 1866. Mrs. James H. Babbitt died at the age of fifty-four, leaving a daughter, Martha S., who lives on the farm with her father.

James H. Babbitt is a Republican in politics, and has been Highway Surveyor for several years. He represents one of the oldest families in the town, and he and his brother together possess one of the finest fruit farms in the county.

JOSEPH C. SEVERANCE, of Shelburne, owning one of the choicest farms of the county, and prominently identified with the agricultural interests of the district, is a native of Conway, where his birth occurred September 7, 1842. His parents, Ruel and Electa (Rice) Severance, were also natives of Franklin County, his father having been born in Leyden and his mother in Conway. (Further facts respecting the ancestors of this family are given in the notice of Dr. Severance, to be found on another page.)

Ruel Severance was a general farmer. He spent the first few years of his married life in the place of his nativity. Coming to Shelburne in 1847, he bought a farm situated about one mile north of the centre of the town. He labored diligently on it during the remainder of his life, and left it to his successor well stocked and cared for, and bringing in a good income. He died February 17, 1882, beloved and respected by all. His wife, whose death occurred in 1878, bore him five children, as follows: Nancy, deceased, the wife of Charles S. Allen; Lucy, deceased, married to L. A. Peck; Diana L., residing in Greenfield, widow of William T. Peck; Arabella, widow of H. S. Shepardson, a resident of Shelburne Falls; and Joseph C., the subject of this sketch.

Joseph C. Severance, after receiving his early education in the district school, finished his studies at Powers Institute in Bernardston. In May, 1863, soon after attaining his

majority, he responded to the call for volunteers to defend the Union by enlisting in the Second Massachusetts Artillery. He fought bravely in many of the most hotly contested battles of the Rebellion, was severely wounded at the battle of South-west Creek, or Five Forks, as it was sometimes called, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. On his return to civil life Mr. Severance took his old place on the home farm. After a while he was intrusted with the entire management, which, together with the care of his parents in their old age, thereafter received his exclusive attention. He subsequently bought the interest in the homestead held by his sisters; and, having also purchased an adjoining estate, he now possesses three hundred acres of rich and productive land, comprising one of the most valuable farms in the locality.

The marriage of Mr. Severance with Eliza Dinsmore, of Conway, was celebrated November 24, 1863. They have had five children, as follows: Alvin, who died in his fifth year; Alice M., who died at the age of twenty-five years; George A., born in July, 1873, a farmer, living at home; Lulu E., born May 23, 1875, also living at home; and Mary, the wife of George Chesbro, of North Adams. Mr. Severance is a man of mark and of recognized worth as a citizen, his business ability being unquestioned and his character above reproach. He takes a lively interest in local affairs, is at present Road Commissioner, has been Selectman for four years, and has filled other offices to general satisfaction. In politics he is a Republican. Both he and Mrs. Severance are worthy members of the Congregational church. Socially, Mr. Severance is quite prominent in the Grand Army organization, and has filled in turn all of the offices of the Ozro Miller Post, No. 93.

JOB G. PICKETT, a progressive farmer of Greenfield, was born in that town, April 14, 1838, his father, Henry L., and his mother, Dorothy (Lage) Pickett, being natives of that place.

His great-grandfather, Samuel Pickett, was the first of the family to settle in Greenfield. He was a capable farmer and an active citizen, serving as Selectman of the town, and dying there at an advanced age. Grandfather Samuel Pickett was also a farmer of Greenfield, where he and his wife, after living a useful life, died at a good old age. They raised a family of three children, all now deceased. Of these Henry L., father of Job G. Pickett, followed the calling of his forefathers, and owned the fine farm where his son Job now resides. His political principles were Democratic, and his religious belief that of a Universalist. He died on the old homestead, at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife died at seventy-three. They had four children, all of whom are now living; as follows: Job G. Pickett, the subject of this memoir; Lucy, now the wife of Richard Newcomb, residing in Greenfield; Henry L., of Colerain; and Fanny Pickett, of Greenfield.

Job G. Pickett grew to manhood in Greenfield, where he has followed successfully the business of farming. Since the family estate came into his hands he has kept all the buildings in fine repair and the land in a high state of cultivation. Mr. Pickett married April 14, 1863, Nancy Phillips, who was born in Greenfield, April 7, 1838, daughter of Noble P. and Nancy (Kennedy) Phillips. Her father was a native of Greenfield, a shoemaker in his earlier years, but later a farmer. He spent his last six years with his daughter, Mrs. Pickett, living to be eighty-five years of age. His wife was born in Bernardston, and lived to the age of seventy-four. They

had eight children, of whom five are living. Dwight M., Clement C., and Hilda J. are deceased. Ellen A. is now Mrs. Park, of California; Nancy is Mrs. Pickett; Newton R. lives in Connecticut; Elvira S., now Mrs. Larabee, and Charles M., both reside in Greenfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Job Pickett have two children: Frank M. Pickett, born in Greenfield, February 23, 1864, a farmer, and unmarried; and Ellen A., born in Greenfield, November 13, 1866. Mr. Pickett has served as Assessor for four years, and has been Selectman for two years, which position he still holds. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is a member of Pocomtuck Lodge, No. 67, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has also been actively identified with the Agricultural Society. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett are both liberal in their religious faith. She is a prominent member of Rebecca Degree, Siloam Lodge, No. 87.

CHARLES H. KNOWLTON, a successful hardware merchant, well-known and highly esteemed in Shelburne Falls, was born in Worcester, Mass., October 9, 1819, son of Joel and Polly (Brooks) Knowlton.

Joel Knowlton was a native of Shutesbury, Mass., where he was brought up to the business of farming. Leaving this place, he went to Grafton, Mass., purchased a farm of two hundred acres, and thereafter managed it with such success that he came to be counted among the leading agriculturists of that section. His death occurred in 1839, when he was but fifty-five years of age. He was a Whig in politics, and took a lively interest in most public questions. His wife, who was a daughter of Elijah Brooks, gave birth to five sons and two daughters: Reuel F., John C., Elijah B., Daniel H., Charles H., Laura

B., and Harriet E. She died in 1877, at the advanced age of ninety years and three months.

Charles H. Knowlton remained with his parents until he came of age, receiving a good practical education in the district schools of Grafton. He then learned the trade of a shoemaker, but not liking the business he gave it up after following it four years. The next two years he was employed on the Boston & Albany Railroad, after which he purchased a small farm in Leominster, Mass., and cultivated it with profit for five years. He engaged in lumbering then for an equal period of time, at the end of which he purchased another farm in Templeton, Mass., and resumed his previous occupation. This time he continued at it for eleven years, and then sold out. He next secured a position in the chair factory in Cole-rain, this county, and later in the Leominster piano factory, where he remained for several years. From this place he went to Charle-mont, Mass., and there, in company with his son, during the following three years conducted a general tin and hardware store. Subsequently this store was sold; and the hardware business of C. Wilcox in Shelburne Falls, together with the block on Bridge Street, in which also the store is located, was purchased by these enterprising men. They have carried on the business since then. The first floor and basement of the block are devoted to its needs, while the second floor is rented. Besides general hardware, they carry a line of stoves, furnaces, and refrigerators, and do a general tinware and plumbing trade. They are the leaders in their line in Shelburne Falls, and have put heaters in many of its residences and prominent buildings. In addition to the block on Bridge Street, Mr. Knowlton owns his residence, and another house which he rents. Both are situated on

Water Street, and have been remodelled since he bought them.

On April 18, 1844, Mr. Knowlton was united in marriage with Miss Martha Bayden, daughter of Peter Bayden, of Leominster, Mass. She died in 1866, when but forty-one years of age, leaving three sons: Charles L., Albert B., and Edward P. Charles L. Knowlton, who is in partnership with his father, first married Miss Jane Goodnow (deceased), by whom he has one son, Frank E.; his present wife was Miss Mary Fellows, who has borne him one daughter, Alice. Albert B. Knowlton married Miss Abbie Pratt, and resides in Grafton, Mass., where he is a successful florist and gardener. Edward P. Knowlton lives at home with his father.

Mr. Knowlton is a Republican, and takes a keen interest in town affairs. He has served very acceptably as Selectman, Assessor, Overseer of the Poor, and as a member of the School Committee. He is a member of the Universalist church.

JOHAN W. CHAPIN, road commissioner and mill owner, was born in Bernardston, Mass., January 28, 1859, son of Alason and Patience L. (Fox) Chapin. Alanson Chapin was also a native of Bernardston, but his wife was born in Franklin County, Massachusetts. He was a farmer and lumber-man, living most of his life in Bernardston. One of the hard workers, he was quite successful in his business, and died at the age of forty-five years. He was a Republican in politics. His wife, who died aged sixty-three, belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church. They reared five children, four of whom are still living. John Chapin is the eldest; Edgar A. Chapin resides in Bernardston; Eliza, who became Mrs. Wright, resides

in Leyden; Maria, who also became Mrs. Wright, lives in Bernardston; and Frank Chapin died at the age of three years.

John W. Chapin grew to manhood and was educated in the public schools of Bernardston. When twenty-one years of age, he began working in a saw-mill, and has followed that business since. In the year 1888 he started a mill on his own account, where he is now located. The work consists in custom sawing and in the manufacture of all kinds of lumber. The patronage is good and constantly increasing. The mill has a capacity of ten thousand feet per day, and is well equipped with improved modern machinery. Mr. Chapin has been honored by his fellow-citizens with the office of Road Commissioner, in which capacity he serves the community well. Mr. Chapin is a very popular man, a prominent member of the A. F. & A. M., and an earnest Republican. On April 15, 1880, he was married to Hattie E. Woods. They have three children: Lucy F., Eveline, and Harry. Mr. Chapin and his wife are both members of the Congregational church.

JOSEPH O. CARPENTER, a successful and highly respected citizen of Leyden, was born there, April 29, 1828, son of Jotham O. and Eliza (Potter) Carpenter.

His grandfather, David Carpenter, was a native of Rhode Island, where his ancestors had settled on their arrival from England. He and his brother, Abel Carpenter, came to Leyden, Mass., when young men; and he settled in the south part of the town. Here he engaged in farming, and kept a hotel. He continued in the latter business for fifteen or twenty years. The old hotel building, now owned by John Newcomb, which was built in

1830, is still in a fair state of preservation, and is occupied as a dwelling-house. Mr. Carpenter was also engaged in teaming, and made frequent trips to Boston. He served in various town offices, among which was that of Selectman, filled by him very acceptably. In religious matters he was liberal, and in politics a believer in Democratic principles. His wife died in Leyden in 1830, and his death occurred in the same place eight years afterward. Of their ten children, all of whom reached maturity, Dwight Carpenter is the only survivor. The others were: David N., Charles, Jotham O., Harriet E., Charlotte, Sarah, Mary, Austin, and Warren.

Jotham O. Carpenter was born in Leyden in 1808, and followed the avocation of farmer. When thirty-six years of age, he was accidentally killed, September 7, 1844. His wife, also a native of Leyden, born in 1810, bore him a son and five daughters, all of whom are now living except Charlotte J., who, having married William Smead, died when about twenty-eight years of age. The survivors are: Joseph O.; Eliza M., wife of Warren Badger, of Leyden; Cynthia P., widow of Alexander Morse, who resides in Jacksonville, Vt.; Angeline, widow of Josiah Brooks, who lives in Worcester, Mass.; and Mary, the wife of Jonathan Brooks, of Leyden.

Joseph O. Carpenter, who received a good practical education in the district school, after his father's death took charge of the family. He first bought land in Guilford, Mass., where he resided four years. Then he sold it, and bought a farm of sixty-five acres in Leyden. Here he had lived fifteen years when he sold this farm, and purchased a saw and grist mill situated in the southern part of the town, and which he operated for nineteen years. In 1889 Mr. Carpenter bought the place where he now resides, a farm

of one hundred acres, devoted to general agriculture. In conjunction with his other occupations he has followed the trade of a carpenter for years, and has built a good proportion of the buildings now standing in Leyden.

When the Civil War opened, Mr. Carpenter enlisted June 20, 1862, in Company K of the Thirty-third Massachusetts Regiment, and served with this company and regiment six months. He was then transferred to the Forty-first Regiment, which six months later was reorganized and mounted, and from that time was known as the Third Massachusetts Cavalry. Of the twenty-nine engagements in which his regiment took part Mr. Carpenter was in twenty-seven, among which may be mentioned the battle of White Plains, second battle of Bull Run, Warrington, Thoroughfare Gap, Port Hudson, Cain River, Irish Bend, Red River campaign, Pleasant Hill, Sayburne Cross-roads, and Winchester. In the latter battle, which was fought September 19, 1864, under General Sheridan, he received a wound which disabled him for further service at the front; and he was thenceforward employed in hospital work. He received his honorable discharge June 5, 1865.

Mr. Carpenter was married March 30, 1852, to Miss Harriet Brooks, a native of Colerain, where she was born January 11, 1826, daughter of Salmon and Hannah (Jones) Brooks, both deceased. She died October 20, 1891, having had nine children, as follows: Charles B., a farmer of Guilford, Vt.; Anna A., wife of T. Rockwood Sheaver, of Colerain, Mass.; Nellie, wife of George Field, of Northampton, Mass.; Miles Sheridan Carpenter, of Ashburnham, Mass.; and Carrie Carpenter, residing in Shelburne, Mass.; Mary E., who died at twenty-one years of age; Jotham E., who died in his thirty-sixth year;

and Jotham O. and Lorenta, both of whom died in babyhood.

Mr. Carpenter is a Republican, takes an active interest in political affairs, and has rendered efficient service as Constable, School Committeeman, Surveyor of Wood and Lumber, and in other capacities. He is a Past Commander of Greenfield Post, No. 174, Grand Army of the Republic. His religious belief is Universalist.

WILLIAM H. BRACKETT, a prominent farmer of Franklin County, born in West Hawley, June 26, 1840, is a son of Jonathan and Sarah (Rawson) Brackett.

Jonathan Brackett was born in Lynn, Mass., December 9, 1792. When young, he learned the shoemaker's trade, the leading industry of the town, and there worked at it until after his marriage, when he emigrated with his bride to the western part of the State. He located in the town of Buckland, where he bought one hundred acres of land, put up a house and barn, and made a clearing, with a view to farming operations. Besides tilling the land, he made and repaired the shoes for the few families who had dared the dangers and privations of life in a district not yet much better than the wilderness. By hard work he had made many improvements; and, when later settlers began to come to the neighborhood in greater numbers, he was able to sell his land at a handsome profit. He then moved to Hawley, the adjoining town, where he bought the farm now owned by E. Sears. On this he worked energetically, improving it by building and cultivation until his death, July 22, 1867. His wife, Sarah Rawson in her maidenhood, was born March 17, 1797, and lived until February 22, 1877.

Both were sincere Christians and active and valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Broad-minded people, they generously aided in building the Congregational church at West Hawley, and afterward contributed liberally toward its support. They reared eight children, namely: Jonathan, born February 22, 1825; Luana, born March 25, 1827; Sarah M., born June 13, 1828; Allen, born May 2, 1830; Freeman, born February 7, 1832; Mary E., born December 15, 1835; Emily G., born November 18, 1837; and William H., the subject of this notice.

William H. Brackett was educated in the public schools. Brought up on the farm, he acquired a practical knowledge of agriculture. Remaining at home, the management of the farm in time devolved upon him. He also cared for his parents in their old age. After their death he succeeded to the ownership of the estate, which is finely located, and contains one hundred acres of fertile and valuable land. He also owns an equally large tract near by. His chief occupation is general farming; but he also has a large dairy, having ten choice cows, besides some fine young stock. Continuing the improvements begun by his father, he has brought his land to an excellent condition. He also raises stock, and deals somewhat in lumber. In politics he is a stanch Republican, never changing his principles. Religiously, he belongs to and heartily supports the Congregational church, being one of its most active and worthy members.

On the 4th of November, 1865, Mr. Brackett was united in marriage with Melinda Larkin, a native of Ballston, Saratoga County, N.Y., being the daughter of Liber and Mabel (Moore) Larkin, who were for many years thriving farmers of Sand Lake, Rensselaer

County. Mr. Larkin died at the age of threescore and ten years, and Mrs. Larkin at the comparatively early age of forty years. She bore her husband seven children: John C. Larkin, Sarah, Lewis, Ira, Daniel, Melinda (Mrs. Brackett), and Almira. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Brackett has been blessed by four children, as follows: Ida, born September 11, 1868, the wife of Fred Legate, and mother of one child, Harry F.; Freeman H., born July 9, 1869, superintendent of the Hawley town farm, married to Alice Barber; John A., born December 28, 1871, a mason; and William A., born March 29, 1873.

FAYETTE SNOW, a highly respected resident of Rowe, Franklin County, was born in the town of Dover, Norfolk County, Mass., May 9, 1836, son of Levi and Nancy (Rice) Snow. His grandfather, Levi Snow, Sr., who was a native of Spencer, Mass., owned a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Somerset, Bristol County, where he was profitably engaged in stock-raising and general farming. Among the improvements made by him was the erection of a substantial set of buildings. He also built a store, which he stocked and successfully conducted. He was popular and influential among his neighbors. He was a member of the Congregational church and a Republican in politics. He died in Somerset in his sixty-seventh year, and his wife died at the age of seventy-five. They were the parents of the following children: Horatio, Joseph, Betsy Ann, and Levi.

Levi Snow, Jr., father of Mr. Snow, who was born in Spencer, Mass., purchased in Somerset, near his father's home, a farm of two hundred acres, a part of which he afterward cleared and settled upon. He, too, was indued with the spirit of progress, and the old

farm-house and barns were soon replaced by new ones of more modern construction and greater convenience. Besides cultivating his land he was also engaged in stock-raising and, to a limited extent, in dairying. He was an adherent of the Republican party, and served his town acceptably as Selectman and Assessor. He died on his farm at sixty-seven; and his wife, Nancy (Rice) Snow, at seventy-five years of age. Their union was blessed by the birth of eight children; namely, Henriette, Annette, Durette, Jeanette, Juliette, Lorette, Julian, and Fayette. Both parents were members of the Universalist church.

Fayette Snow remained at home until twenty-two years of age, receiving a good practical education in the schools of Somerset. He learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was employed during the following six years. At the end of that time, in 1866, he removed to Rowe, Mass., where he purchased the Cogswell place, consisting of a house and ten acres of land. There he built a shop, in which he carried on a good business in carriage and wagon making for several years. Samples of his workmanship, which is commended for durability and quality, are to be found on some of the best farms in that vicinity. At the present time he is principally engaged in carriage ironing and painting.

On February 13, 1864, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Amy (Goodell) Russell, a daughter of Harvey Goodell. Their home was brightened by one child, Ada R., born October 25, 1865, and married to Edward Thayer, by whom she had a son and daughter, Forrest and Ethel. After Mr. Thayer's death she was again married, becoming the wife of Orland Rice, of Bernardston Farms.

Mr. Snow, who is highly esteemed for his honesty and uprightness of character, is a Republican in politics. He is liberal in his re-

ligious views, while his wife is a member of the Baptist church.

FRANKLIN FIELD, a successful farmer and a well-known and highly respected resident of the town of Montague, was born in Sunderland, Franklin County, Mass., March 25, 1820. His father, Walton Field, was born in the town of Leverett in the same county, where his grandfather, Jonathan Field, carried on a farm for many years. In 1835 Jonathan Field removed to Hatfield, Hampshire County, where he resided during the remainder of his life.

Walton Field was one of seven children. He attended the district schools and was brought up to follow agriculture, and continued with his father till he purchased a farm in Hatfield, when he settled there and spent the rest of his life on his own place. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth Wiley. She was a daughter of Ebenezer Wiley, of Sunderland, where her father carried on farming. She became mother of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity, and four of whom are now living, namely: John William, residing in Amherst; William, living in Conway; Franklin; and Elizabeth, widow of Zacharias Crocker, of Sunderland. Mrs. Elizabeth W. Field died in Sunderland, at the age of forty years. The parents belonged to the Congregational church.

Franklin Field lived in Sunderland till he was eleven years old, and after that was with his father in Hatfield till reaching the age of sixteen, when he learned the trade of broom-making, which occupation he carried on successfully in Hatfield for some years. He then gave up that employment and removed to his farm of one hundred acres in Montague, where he has since made his home.

In 1842 Mr. Field was married to Miss Alma Scott, daughter of Oretas and Nancy Scott. She was one of a family of thirteen children, and was born in Westfield, where her father was a farmer and spent his later years. Mr. and Mrs. Field reared four children, as follows: Minerva, wife of Irving B. Crofts, a farmer of Montague and a soldier of the late war; Frank, a railroad station agent at Gardner, Mass.; Nancy S., a graduate of the high school in Montague, and now an experienced teacher at Wesley Hills, near Berlin; and Fred E., who is further mentioned below. The capable and amiable mother of this family died May 7, 1892, at the age of sixty-seven.

A Unitarian in religion, as was his wife, Mr. Field was formerly a Republican in politics, but is now an independent voter. He held the office of Assessor seven years, while living in Hatfield, his eldest brother, Horace N. (deceased), having been Assessor of that town twenty-five years and also Tax Collector. Although Mr. Field has given up most of the farm cares to his son, he is still energetic and takes an active interest in social and town matters, and in the exercise of hospitality to neighbors and friends.

FRED E. FIELD, a well-known and progressive young farmer of Montague, residing about one and a half miles from the village of Montague City, was born in Hatfield, Hampshire County, November 7, 1860, and was but a child of tender years when his father, Franklin Field, removed from that town to Montague. His life since that time has been spent in this picturesque locality. He was educated in the public schools, and when he came of age he took the superintendence of the farm off his father's hands,

and has since conducted it himself. The farm consists of one hundred acres, and is mainly devoted to dairying. Mr. Field makes a specialty of fine stock, his herd of Holstein cattle being of the best. His house and grounds are noted in the neighborhood, presenting a fine appearance, betokening good care, and very attractive to the passing traveller.

In 1889 Mr. Field was married to Miss Rosa Small, a native of Machias, Me., where her father was a fisherman. They have one child, named Kenneth Coy. Mr. Field is independent in politics, and is a member of the Legion of Honor of Turner's Falls; and both Mr. and Mrs. Field are members of the Unitarian church, taking part in its activities and identifying themselves with the social life of the community.

LUTHER A. BRIGHAM, a respected resident of Colerain, who departed this life August 10, 1895, was born October 7, 1832, in Ware, Mass., and was the son of Dr. Luther and Betsey (Ayres) Brigham, both natives of North Brookfield. Dr. Brigham was a graduate of Philadelphia Medical College, and was a practising physician in good standing, residing at different times in Ware, Lowell, and Chicopee. He was a man of liberal culture, a fine speaker, and often delivered lectures and other public addresses. In politics he was a Whig, and in religion an attendant of the Congregational church. He died at North Brookfield when seventy-three years of age. His wife, who also was a member of the Congregational church, died in Chicopee in 1840. They had eleven children, two only of whom are now living: L. H. Brigham, a manufacturer of Chicopee and also of Ludlow, a very successful business man, who resides in Palmer; and Hannah, wife of George Holt, of Chicago.

The greater part of Luther A. Brigham's early life was spent in Chicopee, Hampden County; and he attended the public schools in Westfield. In his boyhood he engaged in farm work, and as he grew older learned the machinist's trade, entering the employ of the Dwight Manufacturing Company in Chicopee in 1848, and remaining with them fourteen years. While in Chicopee, Mr. Brigham married his first wife, Josephine Chapin, who died after giving birth to a daughter, the latter shortly following the mother to the silent land. In 1864 he bought the estate at Elm Grove, upon which he henceforth resided, and carried on general farming, gathering bountiful crops from his sixty-five acres.

In February, 1865, Mr. Brigham was married to Nellie Temple, daughter of Jabez and Mary Boardman Temple. Mrs. Brigham is a native of Whitingham, Vt., and is a well-informed and talented lady. She is widely known as a public speaker, for the past nineteen years having been engaged in lecturing on Spiritualism in New York City, winning golden laurels. Mr. and Mrs. Brigham have one son, Clarence L., born in Colerain, April 6, 1866, who at present resides in Claremont, N.H., but contemplates a speedy return to his native town. He is a teacher of music, and has won some fame as a composer. He was married in December, 1887, to Lizzie March, of Shelburne Falls, who was born in 1868. They have three children: Warren L., Arthur, and Rose Marie.

Mr. Brigham was an Independent in politics, and on religion he held liberal views. On Wednesday evening, August 7, he was taken ill with what at first appeared to be a bilious attack, but which proved to be a stroke of apoplexy. He passed away the following Saturday at 5 P.M. Mr. Brigham was a man possessing a very genial nature, and

will be greatly missed by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was of a kind and generous disposition, and the hungry and needy were never turned from his door. He was buried in the family lot at Maple Grove Cemetery, Chicopee, Mass., where rest the remains of his father, mother, and others near and dear.

ANDREW JACKSON HART, a farmer of Conway and a veteran of the Civil War, was born at Colerain, Mass., May 20, 1827. He is the son of Alexander Hart, a native of Scotland, who came to America when a young man, and first settled at Cambridge, N.Y., where his uncle, whose name was Klen, resided. Alexander Hart removed from New York State to Colerain, Mass., and after his marriage, which occurred in the last-named town, he resided in various places. He married Betsey Hart, daughter of Peter Rine Hart, a farmer of Colerain, and she was, in all probability, a native of Sutton, Mass. Peter Rine Hart, who was of German ancestry, died in Colerain. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Hart became the parents of seven children.

Andrew Jackson Hart was educated in the schools of his native town, and resided there until 1854. He then went to Boston, where he was engaged for the next few years in different kinds of employment, and in the autumn of 1861 enlisted as a private in Company H, Twenty-fourth regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. The Regiment was ordered to the front during the month of December of that year, and participated in the battles of Roanoake, Newbern, Goldsboro, and Kingston. He was in detached service for nearly one year, but with that exception accompanied his regiment in its various

marches, and after his discharge, in 1864, returned to Boston. In the autumn of that year he went to Colerain, three years later removing to Conway, where he bought a small tract of land, and in 1870 purchased the farm on which he now resides. Aside from general farming Mr. Hart deals in live stock and makes a specialty of raising Southdown sheep, Chester pigs, and Hambletonian horses.

In 1854 Mr. Hart was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Forbes, daughter of George and Olive Forbes, of Colerain. Mr. and Mrs. Hart have six children, as follows: George H., Daniel W., Emma, Sarah, Jennie, and Olive.

THOMAS SMEAD, one of Colerain's prominent farmers, was born at Greenfield, Mass., July 30, 1837. He is a son of Warren and Abigail G. (Sage) Smead, both of whom were natives of Greenfield. Mr. Smead's paternal grandfather, whose baptismal name was Thomas, and who was an officer in the State militia, was born in Greenfield, December 12, 1768, and was a son of Lemuel Smead, an early settler in that town. Captain Thomas Smead was both a tanner and a shoemaker, which occupations he followed in connection with farming, residing in Greenfield during his entire life. He was a very industrious man; he was actively engaged in life's labors to the moment of his decease, which was the result of an accident. He died April 30, 1837, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Hinsdale, was also a native of Greenfield; and she became the mother of nine children, as follows: Ira, Esther, Sarah, Thomas, Mehitable, William, Harriet, Amelia, and Warren. She died April 14, 1836, at the age of sixty-two years.

Warren Smead followed agricultural pur-

suits in Greenfield during his whole life, and was known as a good farmer and reliable in all his dealings. He was a Democrat in politics, and an attendant of the Baptist church. He died on January 11, 1853, aged thirty-eight years; and his wife, who long survived him, was called to the home above on May 14, 1891. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Thomas; S. Maria, who was born June 20, 1839, married H. W. Wood, of Deerfield, and died March 30, 1892; Charles W., a resident of Greenfield, who was born June 6, 1841; George A., born January 11, 1844, who served in Company A, Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, during the Civil War, and died May 17, 1875; Charlotte R., who was born February 17, 1846, married C. M. Carpenter, and died October 8, 1881; Dwight E., born August 13, 1849, and now residing at Shelburne; and Clarence A., born February 11, 1852, now a resident of Colerain.

Thomas Smead received his education in the common schools of Greenfield, where he grew to manhood, and at an early age engaged in farm labor, receiving seven dollars per month for his first season's work, when he was but fourteen years of age. He continued thus employed for three or four years, carefully saving his earnings and never losing a day's time, in which manner he was able to accumulate quite a sum of money; and for his last six months' work he received one hundred dollars, which was considered the best of wages in those days. After the death of his father he lived at home, assisting his mother in supporting and educating his younger brothers and sisters; and, when the homestead was sold five years later, he became the purchaser, but subsequently disposed of it and bought the farm at Shelburne where his brother now resides. Having conducted it for five years he sold that

property and moved to Brattleboro, where he bought a farm which he sold in the time of the Civil War, at a large advance over the amount he had paid for it. After a residence of one year in Greenfield and two years at Shelburne Falls he exchanged his property in the latter place for a farm in Charlemont, which he sold in 1872, again purchasing the old home farm where he was born. Here he has since resided. He has about one hundred and forty acres of land, which he devotes principally to dairying interests, keeping a herd of twenty cows; and he is also engaged to a considerable extent in raising fruit.

On March 13, 1862, he was married at Brattleboro, Vt., by the Rev. George P. Tyler, to Miss Persis E. Clark, who was born at Leyden on March 13, 1837. She was a daughter of Thomas and Polly (Makepeace) Clark, the former of whom was a farmer, who died in Leyden at the age of sixty-four, his wife having passed away at fifty-four. Thomas Clark was twice married, and had one son by his first and six children by his second marriage: Henry W., who resides in Nantucket; Charles P., and Elisha A., both deceased; Persis E.; William S., a resident of Greenfield; Mary, wife of Lemuel Bennett, of Amherst; and Thomas, who was killed in battle during the Civil War, while serving as a member of the Twenty-first Massachusetts Volunteers.

Mr. and Mrs. Smead have six children, namely: Ada M., born at Shelburne, April 16, 1863, and now the wife of Henry S. Chapman, of Deerfield; Frank W., born at Colerain, December 26, 1864, and now residing there; William C. H., born in Greenfield, February 5, 1867, and now residing at Leyden; Lena Lenora, born at Shelburne Falls, March 14, 1869, who died June 5, 1872; Charles A., born at Charlemont, November 3, 1871, and residing at home; Florence D., born at Cole-

rain, June 2, 1875, and now the wife of C. O. Hawes, of West Northfield. Mr. Smead is a Republican in politics, and both himself and wife are liberal in their religious views.

CHARLES KEITH, for many years a prominent merchant of Greenfield, of which town he was a native, was born September 27, 1828, and died on February 20, 1895. He was a son of Alexander Keith, Jr. His grandfather, Alexander, Sr., was born about the year 1745, and was a native of New England, but of Scotch ancestry, being a son of Daniel Keith, a Scotsman who emigrated to this country in the first half of the eighteenth century. The father of Daniel was Scott Keith. Alexander Keith, Sr., married Hannah Lathrop, whose parents came from England, and were engaged in farming in Bridgewater and Greenwich successively. She became the mother of five sons and three daughters, all of whom grew up and became the heads of families. Grandfather Keith died in 1830, at the age of eighty-five, and his widow in 1855, at the venerable age of ninety-nine years and seven months, having retained her physical and mental powers to a remarkable degree until within five years of her death.

Their son, Alexander Keith, Jr., chose for his wife Sally Billings, of Belchertown, Mass., their marriage occurring in 1808. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Sally (Morgan) Billings, formerly well-known residents of Hatfield. Mr. Keith varied the occupation of farming with that of a butcher, and proved a good provider for his family, which, besides his wife, consisted of eight children—five sons and three daughters—Charles Keith being the youngest of the family. His sister Sarah M. is now the only sur-

vivor. The father died in 1854, at the age of seventy-six, and the mother five years later, aged seventy-four years. Their daughter Sophia died in her fourteenth year; Ann M. died at the age of twenty-four, in 1838; James died in 1854, leaving one son; and George died June 6, 1864, aged forty, also leaving one son.

Charles Keith received his education in the common schools, and at the age of eighteen years commenced to learn the trade of a blacksmith, at which he worked for one year. He then became clerk at the American House, of which his brother William was then proprietor; and he continued to be closely identified with that well-known hostelry for a period of twenty-eight years, being in company with his brother during eight years of that time, or until they sold the property, for which they realized about eighteen thousand dollars. In 1868 Mr. Keith engaged in the grocery business in company with Mr. J. H. Nutting, the firm continuing for about two years, at the expiration of which time Mr. Nutting retired; and Mr. Keith afterward conducted the business alone with the most satisfactory results. His large and increasing trade eventually outgrew the old quarters, and in 1891 he erected the substantial brick block to which he removed. He also conducted, in company with his son, a finely appointed and well-patronized market.

Mr. Keith was a Democrat in politics, and served as a Selectman for eight years, Assessor three years, and a Trustee of Charities for one year. He was also Postmaster for four years, during President Cleveland's first term. He was a Director of the Franklin Bank, and advanced in Masonry to the Commandery, in which he held many important offices, and was elected Commander of the Lodge of Knights Templars, but declined to serve.

On February 8, 1860, he married Miss Cordelia Pierce, of Dummerston, Vt., daughter of Hiram and Lydia (Harris) Pierce, both of whom are now deceased, her father having been a manufacturer of slate roofing and owner of extensive quarries at Guilford, Vt. Mrs. Keith and her husband were early called upon to mourn the death of three of their children, namely: Grace, who died November 11, 1867, at the age of five years; Anna, who died November 3, of the same year; and Sarah Gertrude, who died March 1, 1874, aged four months. The surviving children of Mrs. Keith are: Charles H., teller of the Franklin County Bank, who married Elizabeth C. Allen, of Greenfield; and William B. Keith, a book keeper in the same bank. Mrs. Keith is a communicant of the Episcopal church, with which her husband was connected. She and her family occupy a pleasant residence situated at the corner of Prospect and James Streets. They have a summer cottage at Heron Island, Me., erected by Mr. Keith in 1892.

LUCIUS S. FIFE, gardener and florist of Buckland, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, December, 22, 1840, son of Robert M. and Rebecca (Carrier) Fife. Mr. Fife's paternal grandfather moved from Florida Mountain, Berkshire County, Mass., more than one hundred and fifty years ago, to the State of Ohio, and bought eighty acres of unimproved land. He cleared a good farm, and resided there until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty years; and his property is now included within the limits of the city of Cleveland. He left two children, namely: Robert M.; and a daughter, Mrs. Moore.

Robert M. Fife was born in the town of Florida, Mass. He was educated at the

schools of his native town, and accompanied his parents to Ohio. In early manhood he learned the trade of a tailor at Cleveland, where he worked for some time, and in 1850 came to Shelburne Falls. He established himself in the tailoring business, in which he was successful, and became a highly respected citizen. He was a Baptist in religion and a Democrat in politics. Robert M. Fife died at his home on Charlemont Street. He and his wife reared two children: Matilda; and Lucius S., the subject of this sketch.

Lucius S. Fife received his education at the Shelburne Falls Academy. He then learned the trade of a machinist in the shops of Richard Pratt, where he was steadily employed for a period of twenty-five years; and at the expiration of that time he formed a partnership with E. E. Coleman for the purpose of manufacturing turbine water-wheels. He later purchased his partner's interest, and conducted that enterprise alone for seven years. Seeking an entire change of occupation, he bought land on Williams Street, where he established his present business, and now has five large greenhouses, which are heated by steam. He is extensively engaged in the sale of cut flowers and potted plants, and is one of the leading florists in Franklin County. He owns the Woodard farm of forty acres, also the Creamery lot of eight acres, which he devotes wholly to gardening, including the cultivation of early vegetables; and he and his family occupy a handsome residence, which was erected in 1894.

On June 15, 1875, Mr. Fife was married to Elmira Elmer, daughter of Chester B. Elmer, and has two children; namely, Eleanor and Rena I. Mr. Fife is a Democrat in politics and liberal in his religious views, Mrs. Fife being a communicant of the Episcopal church.

JEREMIAH H. MAHONEY, a well-known mechanic and contractor in the Miller's Falls Company at Miller's Falls, Franklin County, Mass., was born in Ireland, August 16, 1844, where his father, John Mahoney, was a lifelong resident, following the vocation of a farmer.

The subject of this sketch was but eleven years of age when he left his native land to come to America. For two years after his arrival in Massachusetts he attended school in Holyoke, and then removed to South Hadley, whence a year later he went to Northampton. From that place he came to Greenfield, where he served a three years' apprenticeship at the machinist's trade, at the same time improving every opportunity of acquiring an education, attending school in the winter, and spending his evenings in study. In 1869 Mr. Mahoney came to Miller's Falls, where he secured a position with the Miller's Falls Company as a mechanic. At the end of a year, however, he again went to Northampton; and there he remained for two years, then returning to Miller's Falls, since which time he has been employed by the Miller's Falls Company to finish certain parts of the work on contract. There are only a few men now with the company who have had so long a connection with it as Mr. Mahoney.

In 1872 he was married to Ann McGlaughlin, daughter of John and Mary (Courtney) McGlaughlin, of Irish descent. Her father spent his life in Ireland, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and was also interested in a flax-mill. Mrs. Mahoney is one of nine children, all of whom are still living. She has borne her husband four sons and two daughters, namely: Sarah B., who is attending the Northfield School, and fitting herself for foreign missionary work; William, who is attending a business college in

Worcester, Mass.; Bessie; Marshall and Melvin, who are twins, and are attending the high school at Orange; and Joseph. Mr. Mahoney appreciates the value of good education, and is giving to his children advantages which in his own youth he was not privileged to enjoy.

In politics Mr. Mahoney is a supporter of Prohibitionist principles, or, in other words, is a temperance Republican. He was formerly a member of the Good Templars, and has served on the School Committee for three years. Mr. Mahoney united with the church in 1874; and he and his family are prominent members of the Congregational church at Miller's Falls, in which he has served as Deacon for fifteen years. His twin sons, Marshall and Melvin, are members of the local Christian Endeavor Society, of which his daughter Sarah is President; and his wife and daughter hold other prominent positions in the church and Sunday-school.

SILAS W. ALLIS, a well-known farmer of East Whately, where he owns and occupies a valuable estate, was born in Whately on December 28, 1828. His family have been prominent and influential citizens of this town for more than a century, his great-grandfather, Colonel Josiah Allis, having been a pioneer settler, coming here from Hatfield, and clearing a homestead from the wilderness. He was a delegate to the State Convention which was called in 1788 to ratify the Federal Constitution. Elijah Allis, son of Colonel Allis, was a lifelong resident of Whately, and performed his full share in developing its agricultural resources, improving a good farm from a tract of wild land. Like his father, he was public-spirited, and took part in town

and State affairs. He reared a family of four children.

Josiah Allis, son of Elijah and father of Silas W., was reared on the ancestral homestead. He also was a man of ability and influence, a leader in his generation. An interesting biographical notice of Mr. Josiah Allis, together with a handsome portrait, is given in the Connecticut Valley History, his lineage being traced back to the immigrant progenitor of the family of New England. From this account we gather that the second Josiah, like the first, was a Franklin County farmer. He seems, however, to have engaged in various enterprises, and in middle life to have spent some time in the West. From 1840 to 1850, in addition to general farming, he was engaged in raising broom corn and in manufacturing brooms, carrying on a large business in Whately, making his home here until his demise, when somewhat past sixty years of age. He married Eliza White, a native of Hatfield, daughter of Ebenezer White, a well-known farmer and hotel-keeper on the hill. She bore him five children, Silas W., the subject of the present sketch, being the only one now living. She was a woman of much force of character, very religious; and both she and her husband were faithful members of the Congregational church of East Whately. The father was an active politician, being several times a delegate to State and national conventions, and one year a member of the General Court.

Silas W. Allis remained with his parents through his boyhood and youth, leaving home when eighteen years old to enter into the dry-goods business at New Haven, Conn., where he continued until 1856. Going then to New York City, Mr. Allis was for ten years engaged in business with Bliss & Wheelock. Returning to the scenes of his childhood

after the death of his father Mr. Allis took possession of the old homestead property, which consists of two hundred acres of valuable land, and has since managed the place with excellent results.

During his residence here for the past thirty years Mr. Allis has been closely identified with the interests of the town, and has served for ten years as Selectman, being chairman of the board during that time, and has also filled the office of Overseer of the Poor. In 1884 he was a member of the General Court. He is a steadfast adherent of the Democratic party, as was his father, upholding its principles by voice and vote, and is an active and worthy member of the Congregational church.

ANDREW E. WILLIS, M.D., a retired physician of Shelburne Falls, was born in Plymouth, Vt., April 15, 1832, son of James and Nancy (Morey) Willis. Dr. Willis's great-grandfather was Dr. John Willis, a physician in the Revolutionary War and a noted man of his time. He died in Bridgewater, Vt., at the age of eighty-eight years. Marshall Willis, grandfather of Dr. Andrew E. Willis, was a native of Eastern Massachusetts, settled in Bridgewater, Vt., and became one of the leading farmers of that town. He was an extensive dealer in live stock, keeping from one to three thousand sheep at a time. Marshall Willis lived to the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Adley, died aged sixty-eight. She was the mother of five sons: James, Joel H., Joseph E., Jonathan, and Levi.

James Willis, father of Dr. Willis, was born in Bridgewater, Vt. He first settled in Plymouth, where he followed the trade of mason, and later moved to Woodstock, where

he died, aged sixty-seven. He was originally a Whig in politics, but later voted with the Republican party, and served as a Selectman in the town of Woodstock. His wife died at the age of eighty-two years, having been the mother of five children; namely, Marshall W., Andrew E., Edward B., Henry O., and Isabella.

Andrew E. Willis received his education in Woodstock, Vt., and after leaving the high school commenced the study of medicine with Dr. E. C. Bartlett, of Battle Creek, Mich. He was graduated from the Scudder Medical School of Chicago in 1856, and, after practising medicine and dentistry in Grand Rapids, Mich., for a year, joined a United States surveying party, with whom he spent three years in the West. He then returned to his native State, and a short time later began the practice of his profession in Hinsdale, N.H. After a time he moved to Hartford, Vt., then in 1873 to Sunderland, Mass., and finally in 1878 to Shelburne Falls, where he was enjoying a lucrative practice when in 1889 failing health caused him to practically abandon it.

Dr. Willis owns some valuable real estate in Shelburne Falls, including several buildings which were erected by him. He is a member of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Springfield; of Alethian Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Shelburne Falls; and also of the Encampment, of which he is District Deputy. In 1860 he was united in marriage to Emma A. Wheeler, of Hinsdale, N.H., daughter of Otis H. and Melissa (Thurston) Wheeler. They have had two children, namely: Maud, who died at the age of six years; and George E., who was born December 20, 1871. Dr. Willis is independent in politics and liberal in his religious views.

ARIEL W. HINSDALE, a well-to-do farmer of Colerain, was born in that town, July 21, 1844, son of Ariel and Emorett (Workman) Hinsdale. Grandfather Daniel Hinsdale, who was of English ancestry, was born at Greenfield. He followed agriculture as an occupation, and died in Greenfield at the age of fifty-five years. Mr. Hinsdale's father, who was born in Greenfield, December 4, 1806, settled upon the farm which is now owned by his son in 1840. He was in every way a worthy citizen and an upright man, an attendant, though not a member, of the church, and in his latter days a Republican in politics. He died at his home in Colerain on September 14, 1890, aged eighty-four years. He was twice married. His children by his first wife were as follows: Louise, wife of S. G. Davenport, of Colerain; Elizabeth, now deceased; and a son, who died young. His second wife, Emorett Workman, of Scotch-Irish extraction, a native of Colerain, who died at the age of seventy-seven years, had two children: Ariel W., the youngest; and Augusta, who resides with her brother.

Ariel W. Hinsdale commenced his studies at the district schools, and completed his education in the Worcester Academy. He has always given his attention to agriculture. He owns, besides the Hinsdale property, the old Workman homestead, which together make about ninety-five acres of fertile land. Here he successfully carries on general farming, and keeps his buildings, which are substantial structures, in the best repair. On November 21, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Mattie S. Dewar, a native of Prince Edward's Island. Mrs. Hinsdale is a member of the Congregational church. Mr. Hinsdale is liberal in his religious views and a Democrat in politics.

EDWIN N. HAWKES, a prominent farmer in Charlemont, was born on March 30, 1835, on the farm where he now resides. He is a son of Deacon Horace and Rachel (Smedley) Hawkes, and grandson of Jared and Elizabeth Hawkes. Jared Hawkes was one of the first settlers in Charlemont, purchasing a tract of three hundred acres on the south side of the river at a time when this part of the country was an almost unbroken wilderness; and it was his privilege

"To see a world, from shadowy forests won,
In youthful beauty wedded to the sun;
To skirt his home with harvests widely sown,
And call the blooming landscape all his own,
His children's heritage, in prospect long."

He was also the owner of several acres where is now the village of Charlemont. The home that he established here shows him to have been a man of means and of refined taste. The house, which stands in a grove of majestic hard maple-trees of his planting, was built in 1790, and with its large halls, heavy panels, and elaborate fireplaces is of the finest workmanship both inside and outside. In his early manhood Jared Hawkes served in the Revolutionary War. He died at the age of seventy-seven, having long been an active member of the Congregational church. His wife died in 1830, aged seventy-four. Jared Hawkes had six sons and two daughters. Jared James was the first male child born in Charlemont. One son, Erastus Hawkes, was a physician and surgeon. Another, the Rev. Roswell Hawkes, with Mary Lyon founded Mount Holyoke Seminary; and, after living there and helping in the school for some time, he went West, and established an academy on the same plan.

Horace Hawkes was born on October 14,

1812, on the homestead of which he at length came into possession. The first bridge across the Deerfield River, a part of which is standing to-day, was built of timber that Mr. Horace Hawkes cut from his land and rafted down the river. In addition to farming he carried on an extensive teaming business, taking produce to Boston, and bringing back merchandise and salt. He took an active interest in politics, voting with the Whigs and later with the Republicans, and held office at different times in the town. He was a Deacon in the Congregational church for several years. He died at the age of eighty-one. Eight of his twelve children lived to adult age. Three or four of his daughters studied at Mount Holyoke Seminary, and one son went through college at Williamstown, Mass.

Edwin N. Hawkes, who was the youngest-born, acquired a good education in Charlemont, finishing his school days at the academy. He has spent his life on the homestead, having cared for his parents in their old age, and took full possession of the farm after his father's death. He here has about three hundred acres of land, and has repaired and remodelled the house built by his grandfather, and also improved other buildings upon the estate. He has raised some fine stock, including horses and sheep, and has a choice dairy; and he is interested in opening a sulphur mine, veins of sulphur, which promise well, showing on the land which he purchased on the opposite side of the river.

On November 26, 1865, Mr. Hawkes was married to Mary Lester, daughter of Charles and Mary (Forbes) Lester, and grand-daughter of Franklin and Nancy (Haskins) Lester, of Greenfield. Her grandmother Lester lived to be one hundred and five years old. Charles Lester, Mrs. Hawkes's father, was the eldest of four children, and was born in

Greenfield. He was a mechanic by trade, living to be seventy-five years old. His wife died in her forty-fourth year. They had six children, Mrs. Hawkes being the eldest.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes have cared for five children, to whom they have given a good education and a fair start in life, namely: Isaac Hill; George and Hattie Lester; Katie Hawkes, who is now with them, a very promising young lady; and Thomas Barlow, who is in the hardware business in Keene, N.H. Mr. Hawkes is an ardent Prohibitionist; and he and his wife are active members of the Congregational church, in which he has been Deacon for a long time, also often holding other offices. He has also been superintendent of the Sunday-school for twelve years.

HENRY W. BILLINGS, a successful insurance agent and highly esteemed business man of Conway, Franklin County, Mass., was born in that place, son of Henry P. and Emily (Hitchcock) Billings, and grandson of Elisha and Elizabeth (Williams) Billings.

His great-grandfather, Fellows Billings, was a native of Hatfield, Mass. He removed to Sunderland with his father, who was one of the forty proprietors and first settlers of that town, where he owned a large farm, and where, in connection with his farm duties, he also profitably conducted a hotel for more than thirty years. In 1780 he sold his property in Sunderland, and removed to Conway, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty acres of land, and lived there until his death, at eighty-nine years of age. He married Miss Mary Eastman, who also lived to an advanced age.

Elisha Billings was born in Sunderland, October 1, 1749. He graduated at Yale Col-

lege in 1772 as valedictorian of his class. After suitable preparatory studies he was licensed to preach the gospel in 1775. But soon after his health failed, and he spent the remainder of his life as a farmer at Conway. He was a Director of the Hampshire Education and Missionary Societies and a Trustee of Sanderson Academy and Amherst College. He was active and earnest in starting the college, and contributed liberally to its pecuniary aid. He was also active in church work at home, and both in church and town held important offices, serving three years as Town Treasurer, and as Representative to the General Court in 1812, 1813, and 1814. His wife was Elizabeth Williams, of Hatfield.

His son, Henry P. Billings, was born in the town of Conway in 1771. He received his education in the common schools and at Deerfield Academy, and later on went to New York State, where he was engaged in school-teaching for a time. He afterward returned to Massachusetts, settling in Berkshire County; but he subsequently moved to the old homestead, which he purchased, and on which he made various improvements, especially in the buildings, which he remodelled. The remainder of his life was profitably spent in the healthful vocation of a farmer, his death occurring on the old homestead in 1856, at seventy-five years of age. In political affiliation he was a Whig until the formation of the Republican party, after which he supported the latter. He served as Sheriff for a number of years while he was a resident of Berkshire County, and afterward in Franklin County. His wife, Emily Hitchcock Billings, was a daughter of Justin Hitchcock. They reared two sons, namely: Henry W.; and Charles H., who resides in St. Louis, Mo. The mother died in 1854, at sixty-four years of age.

Henry W. Billings remained with his parents, receiving a good practical education in the district schools and at Deerfield Academy and Williston Seminary. At the death of his parents the farm was sold. For four years he was engaged in railroad work on the Rutland & Burlington Railroad. He then returned to Conway as insurance clerk and agent, and general servant for the public in town offices, and Trial Justice and Notary Public, where he has served until the present time. He is also often employed in the settlement of estates. On June 10, 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary J. Bates, daughter of Ephraim and Euphemia (Bridges) Bates, of Vermont, where her father was a successful and progressive farmer. She died in 1883, at fifty-two years of age. She bore her husband five children, of whom three survive as follows: Harry H., born 1857, is engaged as a clerk with Matthews & Sons, merchants, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Mary A., born 1861, resides at home, and is a successful music teacher; Edward C., born 1868, is also engaged as a clerk for Matthews & Sons, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

In politics Mr. Billings is a staunch Republican. Since 1864 he has served most acceptably as Town Clerk and Treasurer. He is a member of Morning Sun Lodge of A. F. & A. M., in which he has filled all the chairs, and is now Past Master. Mr. Billings is an influential member of the Congregational church, of which his wife was also a communicant. He resides in the village, on the place purchased by him when he returned to Conway.

LEMUUEL F. GRAVES, a prominent Franklin County farmer, living at East Whately, present owner and occupant of the old Graves homestead, which

was his birthplace, and has been the family residence for nearly a century and a half, was born on September 4, 1858. His parents were Rufus and Julia (Nutting-Dane) Graves. His great-grandfather, David Graves, who probably was a native of Hatfield, as the original ancestor of this branch of the family is known to have settled there at a very early period in Colonial history, was one of the first settlers of Whately, becoming the proprietor of a large tract of land, which he cleared and improved into a good farm. He erected the present farm residence, which is still one of the finest and most substantial houses in the locality, although it has served continuously as the family dwelling for so long a period. He was a man of prominence in the town, and here spent the remainder of his life. After his death the farm passed into the hands of his son, Levi Graves, who was born November 7, 1769, and died on April 22, 1844.

Rufus Graves, son of Levi, next succeeded to the ownership of the estate, and was a very prosperous farmer. He built an addition to the residence, and made other improvements on the farm. For many years he was closely identified with public affairs, serving as a Selectman, Assessor, Town Treasurer, Collector, and Overseer of the Poor. He died April 21, 1889, at the age of seventy-eight years. Rufus Graves married for his second wife Mrs. Julia Nutting Dane, widow of George Dane, and daughter of Bryant Nutting, of Hatfield, who was a stone-mason by trade. She was a member of a large family. By her union with Rufus Graves she became the mother of two children: Lemuel F. and George R.; and she is now living with the latter in California.

Lemuel F. Graves received a good education, attending the district schools and the

Deerfield Academy, and by assisting his father upon the farm early became thoroughly proficient in the various branches of agriculture. Having inherited the property, he has since continued in the footsteps of his predecessors, with the simple variation of embracing and practising more modern ideas, farming methods having necessarily passed through many stages of improvement since his great-grandfather sowed the first crop on the land, over one hundred and forty years ago. His farm consists of one hundred acres, thirty-five of which he cultivates, being engaged in general farming, but making a specialty of tobacco, which offers the best inducements in the way of profit.

Mr. Graves was happily married on February 5, 1891, to Miss Mary T. Higgins, daughter of Henry S. and Triphenia D. (Wood) Higgins. Henry S. Higgins resided at different times in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Florida, and was variously engaged as a merchant, a manufacturer of brooms, and a farmer. The latter part of his life was devoted to farming in Whately, where he died in June, 1894, in his seventy-first year. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and he was officially connected with the church in Whately many years. His wife was reared by her parents in the Congregational faith. She was a daughter of Eliphaz H. Wood, who lived to be eighty-five years old, dying in 1895, having been the father of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins were the parents of five children, namely: Triphenia; Ellen F., who married Seth B. Stone; Mary T., Mrs. Graves; Henry Sereno; and Jennie.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves have one daughter, Jennie Elvira, a bright little girl of three years. In politics Mr. Graves is a Republican, and is one of the leaders of his party in

this district. In 1894 he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Smith Charities at Northampton. In religious belief he is a Congregationalist.

RUFUS M. HICKS, a prosperous farmer and mason in the town of Hawley, Franklin County, was born in Readsboro, Vt., March 20, 1830, son of Joseph and Polly (Walker) Hicks. His grandfather, Gideon Hicks, who served in the Revolutionary War, was a successful farmer of New Hampton, N.H., where he lived to an advanced age. Gideon's wife, Molly (Walker) Hicks, bore him six children: Jonathan, Jacob, Gideon, John, Joseph, and Lucy.

Joseph Hicks, who was born in New Hampton, N.H., settled in Monroe, Mass., where he purchased a farm. He sold it five years later, and bought a place in Rowe, where he lived for ten years. In that time he made various improvements, erecting new buildings and remodelling the old ones. Then he went to Zoar in the town of Charlemont, and engaged in the tannery business, besides keeping boarders. He afterward purchased of M. Hawkes the present homestead of his son, a farm of about forty-five acres of land, where he died at the age of fifty-five years. His wife, Polly (Walker) Hicks, lived to the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of eleven children: Emily, Emerson, Marsena, Cyantha, Calvin, Angeline, Rufus, Miranda, Harriet, Wesley, and Mary. Both parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church, while in politics the father was a Democrat.

Rufus M. Hicks, who was twenty years old at the time of his father's death, purchased the home farm, and cared for his mother.

Besides making other improvements, he has since remodelled the barn and erected a substantial residence. He keeps a small dairy, and in addition to his general farming he engages to some extent in butchering and masonry. On February 25, 1860, Mr. Hicks was united in marriage with Miss Eliza Hamill, who was born in County Kerry, Ireland. Her father, John P. Hamill, was a successful farmer, and also followed the trade of carpenter. He died at the age of fifty-five years; and his wife, Mary Hamill, died at the age of sixty years. Ten children were born to them, namely: John, Thomas, Henry, Michael, Patten, J. Patrick, Mary, Margaret, Ann, and Eliza. Mrs. Hicks came to America in 1853, and, after living in several places, finally came to Charlemont, where she first became acquainted with Mr. Hicks. Their union has been blessed by the birth of five children: Henry A., born January 20, 1861, residing in Charlemont, married to Miss Ethel Thayer, and father of one child, Archie L.; Lewis M., born March 11, 1863, married to Miss Carrie Norwood, and father of three children; Hattie E., born September 4, 1865, wife of William Teahan and mother of one child; Joseph A., born February 4, 1868; and Emma F., born January 7, 1872, who is a teacher.

Mr. Hicks's political faith is Democratic. In religious belief he and his wife, who is a noble and charitable-minded woman, are Second Day Adventists.

EDWARD C. FOWLER, Deputy Sheriff of Franklin County, is one of the best-known and most popular men of Orange, being a conspicuous factor in its political and social circles. He is a bright, brainy, far-sighted man, possessing great ex-

ecutive ability, and in the many responsible positions in which he has been placed always performed the duties assigned him with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He was born in the city of Concord, N.H., January 1, 1853, being the worthy descendant of Philip Fowler, who was born in 1590 in England, and emigrated from there to Massachusetts, settling in the town of Ipswich, Essex County, in 1635.

Asa Fowler, the father of our direct subject, was born in Pembroke, N.H., February 23, 1811, being the ninth son of the eleven children born to Benjamin and Mehitabel (Ladd) Fowler. He received his education at the Pembroke district schools, Blanchard Academy, and Dartmouth College. After being for a short time principal of the academy at Topsfield, Mass., he began the study of law with James Sullivan, Esq., at Pembroke, and in 1834 went to Concord, where he entered the office of the Hon. Charles H. Peaslee. In 1845 he was sent to the legislature as Representative, and again served in the same capacity in 1847, 1848, 1871, and 1872. He likewise had the honor of being appointed by the Governor as the New Hampshire delegate to the famous Peace Congress which assembled in Washington, February 1, 1861. He was a Director of the State Capital Bank, of the First National Bank of Concord, and also a Director of the Manchester & Lawrence Railway Company for several years.

Asa Fowler was one of the most able lawyers of the State, and practised several years, having been admitted to the bar in 1837, and retiring in 1877. He had served five and one-half years, 1855-61, as a Justice of the Superior Court. Broken in health through his arduous duties, he visited Europe for rest and recuperation. His death occurred in

California, April 26, 1885. An appreciative biographical notice is found in the interesting volume entitled "The Bench and Bar of New Hampshire." He married Mary Knox, a woman of culture and refinement and an esteemed member of the Unitarian church. They were the parents of five children: Frank A., George R., Clara M., William P., and Edward C.

Edward C. Fowler was graduated from the high school of his native city; and, having marked mechanical inclination and ability, he early took up railroading, being first employed as brakeman, but was soon promoted to the position of engineer, and for some time ran the Northern Pacific express train. Going then to Boston, Mr. Fowler was employed on the Old Colony Railroad until 1878, when he resigned his position, and came to Orange, which has since been his home. Buying the Captain Bridge farm of one hundred and thirty acres, he made many and substantial improvements, erecting new buildings and repairing the old, fitting them up with modern conveniences. He established one of the finest dairies ever kept in the town, and raised some very fine stock, including horses and cows, often receiving from sixty to one hundred dollars apiece for the latter. Having been appointed Deputy Sheriff in 1883, Mr. Fowler disposed of his farm and valuable stock, and moved into the village; and, with the exception of three years, he has since held this important office. He has also been the incumbent of others equally responsible, having served as Chief of Police fourteen years, as well as Notary Public, and for six years as Selectman, Assessor, and Overseer of the Poor, being chairman of the board three years. For three years he was Superintendent of Streets and Overseer of the Sewer Department, having been one of the

committee instrumental in the construction of the latter, and one of the committee under whose auspices the beautiful new thirty-four-thousand-dollar school-house was built.

Mr. Fowler was united in marriage with Miss Sadie A. Watson, daughter of Enoch and Rhoda (Hilliard) Watson, two children being the fruit of this union, of whom Sadie, the first-born, died in infancy, the other being Mary J., who was born May 20, 1887. Mr. Fowler is prominent in several social orders, belonging to Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to Crescent Chapter, and to the Orange Commandery, being also a charter member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and likewise of the New England Order of Protection.

ALFRED REED, a prosperous and well-known farmer of Rowe, is a native of Stamford, Vt., where he was born January 30, 1844, son of Thomas and Polly (Sibley) Reed, and grandson of Oliver Reed. The latter was also a resident of Stamford, Vt., where he was successfully engaged in agriculture and owned a considerable tract of land. He was a man of enterprise and thrift, and took an active interest in the welfare of his town, where he lived to the advanced age of ninety years. He was the father of three children: Marsena, Enos, and Thomas.

Thomas Reed, whose birth occurred in Whitingham, Vt., chose the business of lumberman, and began it when a young man by purchasing a tract of woodland in Stamford, Vt. Here he erected the first steam saw-mill ever used in that town. This proved a profitable venture, and he continued to run it for several years. While doing so, he bought and cleared other tracts of timber land to supply the needs of his mill. He finally settled

on a farm he had purchased in Whitingham, and there the remainder of his life was spent. He was Republican in politics, and was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal church. His wife, a daughter of Philo Sibley, bore him eight children: Henry, Cynthia, Winslow, Alfred, Mary, Adeline, Otis, and Ashton.

Alfred Reed remained at home until his sixteenth year. He then engaged in farming, at which he worked by the month until 1862, when he enlisted as a private in Company F of the Sixteenth Vermont Regiment. At the battle of Gettysburg he had a finger shot off. After a year's service Mr. Reed returned home, and during the succeeding two years was employed in his father's mill. He then purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land in Whitingham, Vt., and again turned his attention to agriculture. Five years later he sold this land, on which he had made substantial improvements, and came to Rowe, where he bought the Amidon farm of seventy-four acres, together with a piece of woodland containing twenty-seven acres. He now resides on this place, and is successfully engaged in general farming and dairying, having, in addition to his sheep and cattle, fourteen milch cows, principally of the Durham breed.

On May 24, 1868, Mr. Reed was married to Miss Elnora Amidon, daughter of Daniel and Polly (Fuller) Amidon. They have one child, William E., born June 21, 1872, residing on the farm with his parents, and married to Miss Susie Dill.

Mr. Reed belongs to the Republican party, and has rendered faithful service in various town offices. He is a member of the C. D. Sanford Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of North Adams; and he and his wife are consistent members of the Congregational church of Rowe.

DR. CHARLES W. CLOUGH, a successful and highly respected physician of Conway, Franklin County, Mass., was born December 29, 1856, son of Charles and Julia (Sanders) Clough, and grandson of Caleb Clough. Charles Clough, who was a native of New Hampshire, spent twenty years of his early manhood in Boston, where he successfully engaged in various occupations. He then returned to the place of his birth among the northern hills, and, purchasing a farm, settled down to agricultural pursuits, which he followed with profit during the remainder of his life. His wife, Julia Sanders Clough, was also a native of the Granite State; and there she grew to womanhood. Their union was blessed by the birth of three children—two sons and a daughter; namely, Flora, John, and Charles W.

Charles W. Clough remained with his parents until fifteen years of age, receiving his early education in the public schools. He then went to work for himself, first securing a position in the shops at Lynn, where he was employed for twelve years. He next studied medicine under the guidance of Dr. Walker, of Boston, and later on attended Vermont College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1888. That same year he engaged in the practice of his chosen profession in Conway, where he has a large local patronage, and is meeting with good success.

In 1879 Dr. Clough was united in marriage with Miss Cora E. Grieve, who was born and reared in Haverhill, Mass., and is a daughter of Thomas Grieve. Their home has been brightened by the birth of one child, a son, Harry G. Clough. Dr. Clough is a member of Morning Sun Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Conway, also of Suncook Lodge, No. 10, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

LEMUEL CROSS, who has the distinction of being one of the oldest native-born citizens of Ashfield, the date of his birth being April 18, 1812, is the son of a representative pioneer of this section of Franklin County. During his fourscore and more years he has witnessed wonderful changes in the general aspect of the country. In his boyhood days neither railways nor telegraph or telephone lines spanned these broad acres, and few of the other evidences of modern civilization then existed.

Lyman Cross, father of Mr. Cross, was born in 1791 in the town of Buckland. During his earlier years he worked at various employments, and likewise learned the cooper's trade. When a young man, he came to Ashfield, then containing but a few scattered houses; and on the present site of the Ashfield House he erected a building, in which he opened both a cooperage and a tavern. He was very popular as a host, and entertained the larger number of the travellers and teamsters that passed through the place. He was very successful in both branches of his business, which he continued until his decease in 1860. His wife, Lydia Howes before her marriage, died in 1863, aged seventy-three years. They had six children, namely: Louise, wife of Allen Phillips; Lemuel, the subject of this sketch; Roxie, married to J. Crafts; Marinda, wife of J. Bennett; Sarah, married to N. Gardner; Lyman, married to Electa Gilbert; and Ann Eliza, wife of C. B. Dickenson.

Lemuel Cross received a common-school education. He has constantly added to his knowledge by reading, and is to-day well informed on all topics of general interest. As a boy he began assisting his father in the cooper's shop, thereby acquiring a thorough mastery of the trade. After working at it for

some years, he left it to manage the stage line from Ashfield to Deerfield. Later he bought his father's property, and, having built an addition to the house, continued the business of the hotel until his retirement. In the latter days of his connection with it he was assisted by his son-in-law, Amos D. Daniels. Mr. Cross has also dealt largely in real estate in this vicinity, and has built several houses, being very successful in all of his enterprises, and accumulating an abundance of this world's goods. He has always held an honored place among the substantial residents of the town, and by his uniform kindness and genial ways has won the confidence of all who know him.

Mr. Cross has been twice married. His first wife, Lucretia Amsden before marriage, a faithful helpmate in his early days of struggle and toil, died March 15, 1880, leaving one child, a daughter, who married Amos D. Daniels in December, 1858. Mr. Daniels has three children, namely: Arthur B., Treasurer of the L. L. Browne Paper Manufacturing Company, married to Ida Williams, and the father of three children — Bessie, Millard, and Rupert; Anna L., wife of Walter Porter; and William L., married to Lizzie Sears. Mr. Cross subsequently married Mrs. Lydia Hall, a daughter of John C. and Abigail (Morris) Comings. She was born August 8, 1831, and first married William Sears, who died at the age of thirty-six; then N. Dyer, who died at the age of fifty-four years; and afterward Enos Hall, who died in the seventy-fourth year of his age.

ALMON A. SHIPPEE, a prosperous farmer, lumberman, and general business man of Rowe, is a native of Searsburg, Vt., where he was born July 28, 1858, son of James S. and Mary C. (Roberts)

Shippee. His grandparents lived in Saratoga County, New York, where the grandfather, James S., was a successful farmer. The latter served in the Revolutionary War, and lived to the age of eighty years. His wife died at the age of fifty years. They reared five children: Samuel S., Polly, Harriett, Lydia, and James S.

James S. Shippee, Jr., whose birth occurred in Haddam, Saratoga County, N.Y., in 1796, learned the trade of a shoemaker, and settled in Whitingham, Vt. He afterward returned to the old homestead, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. In June of 1821 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary C. Roberts, who was born in Whitingham, Vt., November 8, 1805, daughter of Horace and Martha (Bullock) Roberts. The children of this union were nine in number, as follows: James H., who married Evelyn Bose, and lives in Colorado; Leander E., who died in youth; George C., also deceased; William E., who married Miss Eliza Wilson, and is engaged in farming in Vermont; Alford W., who married Miss Eliza Mills, and is a mechanic; Warren, who died in youth; Almon A.; Marcus L., residing in California; and Luella C., deceased.

Almon A. Shippee when a lad of eleven years left home to seek his own livelihood. With but ten dollars in his pocket, he went to Troy, N.Y., where he found that remunerative jobs for a boy were scarce. However, he soon secured employment, driving a team at fifty cents per day. This was not the bonanza he at first thought it. As his board cost him seventy-five cents per day, his money soon gave out; but his stock of courage was far from exhausted. A Mr. Clapp, who had learned of his circumstances, got him a better position with Mr. Garry, a contractor engaged in moving buildings. After this he had various employments, including timber cutting in

the Adirondacks and livery-keeping at Day, N.Y., but finally returned to the old homestead, where he engaged in lumbering. Later on he removed to Rowe, and bought the old Parsonage farm, which contained eighty-five acres of land. In 1890 his house was destroyed by fire; but, instead of rebuilding, he purchased an adjoining place, known as the Bullard farm, consisting of two hundred and forty acres of land, and there erected a commodious residence and barn. Besides these he has made numerous other improvements, including the establishment of an excellent dairy of grade Jerseys. He is also engaged in sheep raising, and has bred some of the finest horses to be found in the county. He carries on his lumbering business on the Wilcox lot, also owned by him, containing one hundred and sixty-five acres of land, and where he employs as many as sixteen men.

On September 10, 1876, being then eighteen years of age, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Canedy, daughter of Milo and Susan (Pike) Canedy, the former of whom was a successful farmer and hotel-keeper. She died at the age of twenty-eight years, leaving two children: Thomas M., born March 29, 1879; and Herbert F., born December 28, 1881. In politics Mr. Shippee is a stanch supporter of the Democratic party, and is liberal in his religious matters. Still in the prime of life, Mr. Shippee is a noteworthy example of a self-made man, the result of indomitable energy and perseverance.

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GOTTLIEB FRICK, until lately a resident of the town of Erving, is a worthy representative of the industrious and thrifty German citizens of this great country, who have contributed so largely to its advancement and prosperity. He was

born July 26, 1849, at Wittenberg, County Friedenstick, Germany, where his father and his paternal grandfather, both named Gottlieb Frick, spent their lives, the latter being a farmer. The father learned the carpenter's trade when a young man, and was a builder and carpenter the larger part of his life, dying in the place of his nativity, at the age of threescore and ten years. He married Marie Homberger, also a native of Wittenberg, daughter of Johannes Homberger, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom the following five are now living: John, or Johannes, a carpenter, in Wittenberg; Gottlieb; George, a coachman, in Germany; Martin, a tailor, living in his native land; and Anna, the wife of John Schaltz, of Germany. One son, Christian, who grew to mature years, was a shoemaker by trade, and died in his native town. The mother died at the age of forty-nine years. She was a fine type of the industrious and energetic women of her country, and, like her husband, was a conscientious member of the Lutheran church, rearing her children to the same faith.

The subject of this sketch bravely bade adieu to his country and his immediate friends when a youth of eighteen years, and came alone and almost without means to this country in search of fortune, if not fame. He received a good education in the public schools of his native land, but knew nothing of the English language at the time of his emigration. On his arrival in New York he first stopped awhile with a farmer on Long Island, a friend, but soon returned to New York City. He was then penniless, not even having the necessary two cents to pay his fare across the ferry. A warm-hearted American gave him a ticket, and from that time Mr. Frick's interests have been with his adopted country. He worked for a short time at the cabinet-maker's

trade in New York City, coming thence to Franklin County, and continuing in that employment some four years. He then began working in the piano factory of Stillman & Funk, with whom he remained two years, being next employed for eight months by J. E. Stone, of Erving. Returning to New York City, Mr. Frick resumed work for his old employers, going from there to Williamsburg, Pa., where he was engaged in a planing-mill for three years.

The succeeding six years Mr. Frick was again in the employ of Mr. Stone, of Erving, resigning his position to accept a similar one in the piano factory of Henry P. Miller at Wakefield, Mass., where he established a home, living there eight years. From Wakefield he removed to Cambridge, becoming foreman in a piano factory, where he had the supervision of ninety-five men for four years. On his return to Franklin County Mr. Frick came to Farley, and established the Frick Piano Company, a stock company, of which he was general manager, with J. B. Farley as president and D. E. Farley treasurer. In 1893 Mr. Frick planned the building, forty feet by one hundred feet, to which he added a drying-room, forty feet by twenty feet. Here he kept a force of twenty-two men in constant employment, turning out about twenty-four piano cases per week, for which the company found a ready sale, their merits being fully recognized by the dealers. He built up an extensive trade, but has recently left the company, owing to business changes, and is now a resident of Cambridgeport, Mass.

On May 3, 1887, Mr. Frick was married to Miss Abbie F. Beard, a daughter of George F. Beard, a native of South Reading, now Wakefield, Mass. Mr. Beard was a soldier in the late Civil War, and passed his last years in the town of Athol. His wife, Mrs. Sarah

(Sibley) Beard, survived him, and is now living in Erving. Mrs. Frick was one of two children born to her parents, the other being Ella, the wife of William H. Packard. Mr. and Mrs. Frick have two children: Roy Hal-
lowell and Hiram Arthur. Politically, Mr. Frick supports the Republican party, and, socially, is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Orange, and of the Royal Society of Good Fellows of Wakefield, Mass.

FRANK L. WISWALL, a prominent druggist and a highly respected citizen of Shelburne Falls, was born in Canton, Mass., June 23, 1864, son of Timothy C. and Julia A. (Carpenter) Wiswall.

Timothy Wiswall, who was born in Dorchester, Mass., February 22, 1814, when a young man learned the trade of a harness-maker and carriage trimmer. He afterward went to Canton, Mass., where he established himself in business as a carriage and harness maker, employing a number of men. He also gave instruction in these trades, and at times had as many as six apprentices. Though apparently a man of vigorous constitution, he died when but fifty-six years of age. His wife, Julia A. Carpenter Wiswall, a daughter of James Carpenter, bore him eight children, of whom two died in infancy. Three sons and three daughters grew to maturity; namely, William M., Lillian M., Frank L., Myra, Frederick, and Ann. The mother died in 1883, at fifty-nine years of age. Both parents were consistent members of the Congregational church.

Frank L. Wiswall, having received his early education in Canton, Mass., took a course in the Hyde Park Academy, and later entered the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. On completing his studies, he obtained

a situation as clerk in a drug store at Hyde Park, and subsequently a similar position in a Boston drug store. In the latter place he spent thirteen years; and then, on December 1, 1894, he went to Shelburne Falls, and purchased the druggist business of A. C. Essom. This he has successfully conducted since at the stand occupied by his predecessor, in the Joel Thayer Block on Bridge Street. He is also interested in the Shelburne Falls Ice Cream Company; which, though recently started, is doing a thriving business. Mr. Wiswall was married on October 13, 1887, to Miss Josephine F. Ingersoll, daughter of William H. and Susan (Lawton) Ingersoll, of Hyde Park, Mass. Since then their happy home has been further brightened by a son and daughter, namely: Effie E., born May 12, 1889; and Clifton E., born July 6, 1893.

In politics Mr. Wiswall is a supporter of Republican principles. He is a member of Siloam Lodge, No. 2, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Boston, also of Black Prince Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, of which for four years he was a representative to the Grand Lodge of the State; and he is connected with the Bicycle Club of Shelburne Falls. Both he and his estimable wife are influential members of the Baptist church.

WILLIAM E. NILES, one of the oldest and best-known merchant tailors in Franklin County, and Town Clerk of Charlemont, has been a resident of this place for nearly half a century, and occupies a prominent position among the more intelligent and enterprising citizens of the town. A native of the Green Mountain State, he was born in the town of Halifax, September 15, 1821, being a son of James and Sarah (Tucker) Niles. On the paternal side

he is of Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather, David Niles, having served as a private in the Revolution. David was a lifelong resident of Stonington, Conn., where he rounded out a full period of years, and was one of its most prosperous farmers. He reared four children: Samuel, Oliver, Henry, and Jesse.

Oliver Niles, the grandfather of William E., was born January 28, 1771, in Stonington, and there received the training usually given a farmer's boy. After his marriage with Lydia Plumb he sought new fields of labor, moving into the woods of Vermont. Locating in Halifax, he bought a tract of unimproved land, of which he cleared a large portion, and put it in a yielding condition. That was at a time when the pioneers were obliged to take advantage of every opportunity, in order to provide themselves with the necessities of life. Oliver had the necessary perseverance and industry, and likewise the judgment to direct them. As a result, in course of time he became before his death, which occurred in 1854, one of the most successful farmers of the locality. His wife had preceded him to the better land, dying at the age of threescore and ten years. Both were faithful members of the Baptist church, and reared their children to the same faith. Their family circle included three sons and two daughters; namely, Stephen, Nathaniel, James, Lydia, and Phœbe.

James Niles was born on the Halifax homestead, September 14, 1796; and, having been reared to agricultural work, he became a farmer from choice. After his marriage he bought a farm not far from the home of his parents, and devoted his time and energies to its cultivation. He had much mechanical ingenuity, and many of the labors incidental to farm life were lightened by inventions of his

own. One of them was a horse rake, the first ever made in that part of the country; and, although rude in its construction, it answered the purpose for which it was intended. But, alas! it also aroused the envy of one of his neighbors, who stole it, and secreted it in the woods, so that he might be delayed in his work. He was very expert in the use of tools of all kinds, and did a great deal of coopering, his ability in this line being of great assistance to him, and saving him many a penny. He was one of those large-hearted, charitable men that are a blessing to any community, and was ever ready to lend a helping hand to the sick or needy. He was active in many local organizations, and was for a long time Captain of a company of State militia, being familiarly known as Captain Niles.

On April 23, 1818, he married Sarah Tucker, who was born November 8, 1795, and died September 18, 1849. He survived her several years, departing this life March 15, 1866. Both were zealous Christians and members of the Baptist church, of which he was Deacon. Nine children were born to them; namely, James E., Jesse M., James T., Horace F., William E., Orsamus E., Sarah A., Lydia A., and Stephen B.

The subject of this notice was reared and educated in his native State, completing his studies at the Bennington Academy. Until he reached the age of twenty years he assisted his father on the farm. He then went to Colerain, where he learned the tailor's trade, working one year for Jarvis Crandall. He next continued his occupation at Cutting Hollow, where he remained until obliged to give it up on account of an injury to his knee, which has always caused him trouble. In 1846 Mr. Niles came to Charlemont, and, with the exception of three years, has since been in business here as a merchant tailor.

He is thoroughly versed in his trade, and has won a large amount of patronage, his customers coming from far and near. In former times he carried on a very extensive business, and still endeavors to attend to the wants of his old customers, who depend upon him yet. When he first located in Charlemont, Mr. Niles bought a house on Main Street. In this, having remodelled it and built an addition, he lives and has his store.

On June 9, 1843, Mr. Niles married Miss E. M. Wilkins, who was born in 1823, and died April 30, 1893, leaving three children, as follows: Willard M., station agent at Charlemont, married to Abbie R. Cooley, and father of one child, Edna; Effie J., married to Frederick A. Blake, living in Roanoke, Va., engaged in the railway business, and had one child, deceased; and Frank H., married, and father of one child, Edna M. Mr. and Mrs. Niles lost one child, their little daughter Abbie, who died when but four years of age.

Mr. Niles has always taken a strong personal interest in local affairs, having served in his present office twenty-one years, and two terms as Justice of the Peace. He is a worthy representative of all that constitutes an exemplary citizen, being domestic in his habits, a pleasant companion, and in business circles an honored and trusted man, with whom it is a pleasure to deal. In politics he is an adherent of the Republican party, and, religiously, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was a devout member.

AMUEL D. BOWKER, M.D., a successful and popular young physician of Rowe, was born in Wilbraham, Mass., January 22, 1863, son of Charles and Harriet (Dawes) Bowker.

His great-grandfather, Liberty Bowker, was a hotel-keeper in Savoy, Mass., in the early days of that town, but was born in Pembroke, Mass., where the family was numbered among the early settlers. Before going into the hotel business he had worked for some time at his trade of box-making. He died in Savoy at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, whose maiden name was Guernsey, was the mother of four sons and two daughters, all of whom grew up, one of them, Calvin, being now a resident of South Adams, Mass. The other sons were: Melvin, David, and James Madison. One of the daughters married Jesse W. Johnson, and the other became the wife of Robert Sturtevant.

Melvin Bowker was born in Pembroke, Mass., March 13, 1798. At an early age he went to Hanson, where he grew to manhood. He later became the owner of a good farm in Savoy, where he carried on farming and dairying with considerable success until his death, at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, Betsy Willett, was a native of Hanson, Plymouth County, Mass., and was a daughter of John Willett, who combined the occupations of a farmer and manufacturer of ships' spars in that town at a time when American shipping was to be found in every part of the globe. He was successful in life, and died on his farm in Hanson when over eighty years of age. Mrs. Melvin Bowker died when her son Charles, father of Samuel D., was but four years old; and Mr. Bowker later married Electa Mason, who died at the age of seventy-seven. He was a Democrat in early years, but joined the Republican party on its formation, remaining faithful to its principles until his death. He occupied a prominent position among his fellow-townsmen, serving many years as Selectman, and holding the offices of Town Clerk and Treasurer, which he filled

with credit. In 1839 and 1840 he was a Representative to the State legislature. Mr. Bowker had four children by his first wife, two of whom, Calvin and Betsy, died in infancy. The others were: Alonzo Melvin, who became a physician in Savoy, and died at the age of about forty years; and Charles, mentioned above. By his second marriage he had a daughter, Sarah Frances, who married Henry Thayer, of Adams, Mass.

Charles Bowker, father of Samuel D., was born in Savoy, Mass., September 16, 1824. He grew to manhood in his native town, obtaining the foundation of his education in its public schools and partly in the schools of Adams, Mass. At the age of nineteen he began to teach school; and about the same time he commenced the study of medicine under the instruction of his brother, Alonzo M. Bowker. He then attended the medical college at Pittsfield, Mass., for three years, being graduated from that institution in 1854. After graduating, he commenced the practice of his profession in Readsboro, Vt., removing later to Plainfield, where he remained one year. He then practised in Savoy four years afterward, spending a similar time in Wilbraham. In 1865 he entered the service of the United States as contract surgeon, and was in the hospitals of Washington and Alexandria. In the same year he located in Bernardston, where he has since remained, being now the oldest physician in that town.

Dr. Bowker was first married in 1849 to Delcy D. Dunham, of Savoy, who died in 1852 without issue. In 1853 he married his second wife, Harriett P. Dawes, who was born in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, daughter of Samuel and Philena E. (Hume) Dawes, both of whom were natives of Windsor; but neither is now living. Dr. Bowker

is a prominent man in his town. He is chairman of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor. He is also a Trustee of the Cushman Library, and has been Trustee of the high school since it first opened in Bernardston. He and his wife have six children living, namely: Delcy Harriett, born February 21, 1854, who married George W. Swasey, and is now a resident of Centralia, Wash.; Alphonso V., born January 17, 1857, a practising physician in Athol; Samuel Dawes, the subject of this sketch; Arthur Hume, born April 18, 1867, employed in the shoe factory at Athol; Effie L., born September 13, 1868, a bookkeeper in Greenfield; and Rosa Evelyn, born March 16, 1870, residing with her parents and a teacher of music. One son, Charles M., born in Wilbraham, July 10, 1860, died March 2, 1863; and another, Charles Willett, died in early childhood.

Samuel Dawes Bowker received his early education in the schools of Wilbraham, supplementing his preliminary studies by attendance at Powers Institute at Bernardston, the Wesleyan Academy, and the University of Vermont. On leaving the latter, he continued his medical studies under the guidance of his brother, Dr. Alphonso Bowker, of Savoy, with whom he began the practice of his profession. In 1893 he removed to Rowe, where he is the only physician, and has a large and increasing practice. On February 1, 1891, he was united in marriage to Miss May F. Evans, daughter of Medad and Augusta (Rawson) Evans. Mrs. Bowker's father was an enterprising and prosperous farmer of Hinsdale, N.H., where he owned a farm of three hundred acres. He died at the age of sixty-three years, and his wife at the age of forty-nine. They left five children: Orrison, Ella, Elizabeth, William, and May. The father was a Republican in politics, and both

parents were members of the Universalist church.

Dr. Bowker and his wife are the parents of one child, Charles A., born April 2, 1892. In political affiliations the Doctor is a Republican, and has served his town efficiently as School Commissioner. He is liberal in his religious views.

DEACON REUEL BULLARD, a retired farmer of Rowe and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in that town, April 11, 1827, a son of Reuel and Lavinia (Nelson) Bullard. Mr. Bullard's paternal grandparents were Moses and Nancy (Ranger) Bullard, the former of whom was born at West Hampton, Mass., in 1772, and followed agriculture as an occupation. He moved from West Hampton to Buckland, and later to Rowe, where he purchased the farm which is now occupied by Mr. Hicks. He became a very prosperous farmer, and died at the age of seventy-five years. He was a Whig in politics and a Unitarian in religion. His wife, who was born in 1779, and died in 1824, was the mother of the following children: Nancy, Reuel, Reuel (second), Moses, Laura, Sally, Ansel, William, Silas, Hannah, Moses (second), and Joel.

Reuel Bullard, the second of the name, who was born August 2, 1802, purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in the town of Rowe, which he improved extensively, and, after residing upon it for a period of twelve years, bought the Corbet place, so called, which he conducted successfully for twenty-five years. His wife, Lavinia Nelson, was born January 28, 1799. Their children were: Reuel, Samuel, John N., Lucinda, and Dwight. Reuel Bullard, second son of Reuel and Lavinia, went out to work as a farm la-

borer at the age of eighteen, and at the age of twenty-five returned home for the purpose of assisting his father. At the latter's decease he succeeded to the possession of the homestead, upon which he made many improvements, and resided there for twenty-five years. He then sold the property, and purchased a farm of D. Gale, which he cultivated until his retirement from active labor. He now resides in the village of Rowe, enjoying the peace and comfort of a well-earned rest, together with the respect and esteem of his fellow-townsmen. On August 30, 1864, imbued with patriotic spirit, he enlisted in the Second Massachusetts Light Artillery, with which he served nearly one year in defence of the Union, and was discharged June 11, 1865.

Mr. Bullard was married September 12, 1880, to Esther King, daughter of T. Foster and Lydia (Peck) King. Mrs. Bullard's grandparents were Erastus and Esther (Lamon) King; and her great-grandfather, Jesse King, was born in England. He came to Deerfield, Mass., and purchased of the Commonwealth a tract of land consisting of eight thousand acres, situated in the towns of Rowe, Monroe, and Florida. He settled near the site of Hoosac Tunnel, where he built the Jackson Hotel, and became a very prominent man in the town. He was a Justice of the Peace for several years, and also held other town offices. He died at the age of sixty-eight years. His children were: Erastus, James, John F., Jesse, Ascher, Zadoc, William, Samuel, Nehemiah, Phebe, Polly, and Sally.

Erastus King, who was born at Deerfield, discovered a large deposit of soapstone upon the tract of land purchased by his father, and, finding that it retained heat much longer than any other substance, quarried it and placed

it upon the market. After conducting a successful business for several years, he sold his enterprise, and moved to Shelburne Falls, where he resided in retirement until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty years. His wife died at the age of eighty-five. They were members of the Baptist church, and Mr. King was a Whig in politics. Their children were named as follows: Elizabeth, T. Foster, Joshua, Erastus, David, Esther, James, Samuel V., John F., Josiah, Candace, and Sophia.

T. Foster King, Mrs. Bullard's father, was born at Florida, Berkshire County, Mass., August 9, 1809. He settled in the town of Rowe, where he purchased a homestead of two hundred and fifty acres, and erected new buildings. He later acquired other valuable tracts of land, and was a very successful business man. He died at the age of sixty years, and his wife passed away at the age of eighty. Their children were named as follows: David B., George B., Esther, Allison W., T. Foster, Francis W., and Charles W. Mr. King was a Republican in politics, and served as a member of the School Committee. He was a Baptist in his religious views.

STEPHEN M. LONG, a practical and prosperous farmer of the town of Shelburne, was born August 11, 1821, on the homestead which he now owns and occupies, being a son of Stephen and Lovina (Woodard) Long. Mr. Long's great-grandfather, David Long, a native, it is said, of Ireland, when a young man emigrated to the United States, and settled in Taunton, Mass. He there bought land, and established a comfortable homestead, on which his death occurred October 24, 1784. Four of his sons were early settlers of Shelburne,

Franklin County. The eldest, David, who was a pioneer Baptist minister, died in Cole-rain, aged sixty-five years. William, a farmer, lived to the remarkable age of ninety-nine years, nine months, and nine days. John, who was a blacksmith by trade, died at his home in Shelburne at threescore and ten.

The other son of David was Stephen Long, Sr., who, when a young man, left Taunton in company with his brothers, and took up a tract of wild land in the north-western part of Shelburne, where he cleared and improved a good farm. His wife, Nancy Lawson, was the first white child born in this locality, which at the time of her birth was infested by Indians; and before she was a week old her mother had to carry her to a fort in the town to keep her out of their hands. Mr. Lawson was one of the very first settlers of the place; and, being a weaver by trade, he paid for the fifty acres of timbered land which he purchased fifty yards of tow cloth.

Stephen Long, Jr., spent his youth and early manhood in assisting his parents, Stephen and Nancy (Lawson) Long, in clearing a homestead. Soon after his marriage he bought the farm on which his son Stephen M. now lives. It then contained one hundred and forty acres of land, much of it in its primitive wildness; and here he carried on general farming very successfully until his death, May 10, 1865, having spent his eighty-two years and six months of life in the place of his birth. He was a man of prominence, a Democrat in politics, and served as Assessor several terms. Both he and his wife were esteemed members of the Baptist church. He married March 23, 1817, Lovina Woodard, who was born May 13, 1793, in Halifax, Vt., but removed with her parents to Shelburne when a little girl. The following is a brief record of their children: Joseph W.

Long, born May 7, 1818, died December 22, 1859; David W., born December 3, 1819, is a resident of Lowell, Mass.; Stephen M. lives in Shelburne; Olive W., born August 27, 1824, is the wife of Henry Briggs, of Greenfield; Franklin W., born July 22, 1828, died August 4, 1830; Franklin, born July 11, 1832, died August 7, 1890; Mary R., born November 30, 1834, married James Goldsberry, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Rodolphus W., born December 29, 1838, resides in Worcester, Mass.

Stephen M. Long grew to man's estate on the old homestead where he now resides, working in the fields during seed-time and harvest, and attending the district school in the winter season. When scarcely eighteen years of age, he assumed charge of the farm, to whose ownership he at length succeeded, having cared for his parents in their declining years. His mother died November 13, 1870, aged seventy-seven years and six months, having outlived her husband several years. To the original estate Mr. Long has added thirty-two acres, which are situated in Colerain. His well-cultivated farm with its substantial buildings is pleasingly indicative of the good management and thrift of the owner. Mr. Long has ever been identified with the growth and advancement of the town, has served acceptably in various minor offices, and for two terms was Selectman. In politics he has had the courage of his convictions, voting with the Democratic or Republican party, but to-day is a stanch Democrat. He and his wife are faithful members of the Congregational church.

On June 25, 1857, took place the marriage of Stephen M. Long and Miranda A. Fellows. Mrs. Long is a native of Shelburne, born July 11, 1831, daughter of Stephen Fellows, whose birth occurred in Shelburne,

December 30, 1797. Mr. Fellows was a carpenter by trade, but was likewise the owner of a good farm, to which during the latter years of his life he devoted his attention, dying on his homestead at the age of eighty-four years. He was a Republican in politics, and with his wife, whose maiden name was Abigail Allen, belonged to the Congregational church. Mrs. Fellows died at the age of sixty-seven years, having been the mother of five children, two of whom, Mary A. and Marcellus, have also passed to the better land. The three living are: John, a resident of Shelburne; Marvin S., of Greenfield; and Miranda A., Mrs. Long.

The following is a brief mention of the six children of Mr. and Mrs. Long: Mary H., born December 18, 1858, is the wife of John T. Carpenter, of Andover, superintendent of the noted stock farm of C. I. Hood, of sarsaparilla fame; Joseph W., born December 23, 1860, is a salesman for the Belding Brothers Silk Company, with headquarters at Philadelphia; Abbie A., born August 10, 1863, is in Hood's laboratory at Lowell, Mass.; Fanny W., born November 16, 1864, is the wife of Frank H. Reed, of Greenfield; Stephen H., born July 14, 1867, is a farmer, and lives on the old homestead; and Lizzie L., born May 2, 1870, is the wife of Charles F. Keith, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

FRON. EZEKIEL DODGE BEMENT, one of the foremost citizens of Buckland, was born in this town, May 18, 1819, son of Daniel and Dorcas (Dodge) Bement, the former a native of Ashfield, the latter of Shelburne. His grandfather, John Bement, who was born May 15, 1734, was a pioneer of Franklin County. He bought a tract of timber land in the eastern

part of Ashfield, and built a log house in the wilderness, enduring the hardships and meeting the difficulties of his situation with a brave and sturdy spirit. Before his land was cleared he was wont to go to Hadley to work for farmers there, taking his pay in corn, which he carried home through the forest on his back. Patiently toiling, year in and year out, he cleared a good farm, and at the time of his death was in comfortable circumstances. The maiden name of his wife was Mary Wait.

Daniel Bement, son of John, was reared on his father's farm, and when he had attained his majority started for himself in the world. For some time he drove a team for a baker in Boston, and later worked at farming on Cape Cod. Saving his earnings, he eventually bought a farm in the western part of Buckland, where he made his home till 1823, when he exchanged it for the property upon which his son now resides. Here he spent the remainder of his life, dying at the age of eighty-nine. He married Dorcas, daughter of Ezekiel and Rebecca (Nelson) Dodge, of Shelburne. She died at the age of fifty-nine, leaving three children: John Wait, Ezekiel Dodge, and Daniel.

Ezekiel Dodge Bement in his boyhood mastered all the branches of learning taught in the district school, and at the age of eighteen started as a teacher, receiving as his salary thirteen dollars a month, and "boarding round." He taught during several winter terms in Charlemont, Rowe, and Buckland, working at farming in the summer. At the age of twenty he began to study medicine, devoting to this branch of science his spare time for about two years and a half. His younger brother then leaving home, he gave up his medical studies, and took charge of his father's farm. He succeeded his father in

the ownership of the estate, which from early childhood to the present has been his home. It covers one hundred and thirty acres, and is well equipped with commodious buildings and all the necessary adjuncts for general farming.

In 1843 Mr. Bement was united in marriage to Roxanna D., daughter of Zephaniah and Fanny Richmond. She died in 1875; and in December, 1877, Mr. Bement married Mrs. Emily A. E. Smith Joslyn, a native of Colerain, daughter of Royal Smith, who also was born in Colerain. Mrs. Bement's grandfather, Nathaniel Smith, who for many years was a resident of Colerain, was a native of England. His wife was Nancy Townsend, of Rhode Island. Royal Smith, Mrs. Bement's father, was a shoemaker by trade as well as a practical farmer. He married Ruth Eddy, daughter of Joel and Olive (Lynde) Eddy, of Guilford, Vt.; and they reared three children: Nancy Amelia, Mary Diantha, and Emily A. E. The latter's first husband, to whom she was united June 30, 1851, was William S. Joslyn, a native of Windsor, Mass., son of Samuel and Laura (Parks) Joslyn. He was a machinist by trade, and during the last years of his life cultivated a farm in Conway. He died in Colerain in January, 1869. Four children were born of this marriage: Mary E., Charles W., Laura I. (deceased), and Maria. Six of the nine children of Mr. Bement reached maturity: Mary, Isabel D., Alice F., Frederick E., Clara J., Theron R. Mary, the second child born, was a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary, and taught in Brooklyn, N.Y., in Illinois, and in Dakota. She died at the home of her sister in Sioux Falls in 1888. Isabel D. is the wife of Elijah Phillips; and Frederick married Laura Huston, and has three children.

Mr. Bement cast his first Presidential vote in 1840 for General William Henry Harrison,

taking part as a loyal Whig in the exciting political campaign of that year. He was a Republican after the formation of that party, and has been a Prohibitionist. Mr. Bement was a member of the State legislature in 1873, and voted for Henry L. Dawes as United States Senator. He has filled many offices of trust in the town, serving as Assessor ten years, also as Selectman and School Committee, while for over forty years he has been a Justice of the Peace.

THOMAS SIDNEY MANN, a young and energetic business man of Orange, was born at Petersham, October 18, 1864, son of Lot and Emily L. (Holland) Mann. He is a lineal descendant of Richard Mann, a native of England, who settled at Scituate, Mass., and became an extensive land-owner there. The line continued through Richard's son, Thomas, born at Scituate in 1650; his son, Ensign, Sr.; Ensign, Jr., son of the latter, born at Scituate, 1740, graduated at Harvard College, 1764; and Thomas, who was the father of Lot Mann. Thomas Mann was an extensive farmer and lumberman of Petersham, a kind-hearted, benevolent citizen and a highly esteemed neighbor. Lot Mann was born at Petersham, October 24, 1818, and married Emily L., widow of Lot Dennis, January 11, 1862. He was engaged with his father in carrying on lumbering operations, making a specialty of getting out ships' masts, and at the age of twenty-nine years established himself in the same business alone, which he continued successfully for a long time, being the owner of large tracts of timber land. Like his father, he was benevolent and honest, believing that every man's word should be as good as his bond; and his strict adherence to these prin-

ciples is spoken of by his many acquaintances. After retiring from active business, he purchased the Seth Hapgood place, which, after making many improvements in the property, he sold to William B. Schooner, of Boston, for a summer residence. He subsequently removed to Athol, where he erected a fine substantial residence, in which he and his wife are passing their declining years. He is a Republican in politics, but has always declined public office. Mr. Lot Mann and his wife attend the Congregational church.

Thomas Sidney Mann was educated in the public schools, and after completing his studies at the high school at Athol went to Chicago, where he became shipping clerk for the firm of Clark Brothers & Co., furniture manufacturers. He remained with them two years, at the end of which period he returned East, and in 1884, associating himself with a half-brother, Mr. Dennis, purchased the grocery business of B. H. Underwood in the Goddard Block at Orange. After they had carried it on for two years, Mr. Mann purchased the interest of his partner, and continued the business until 1888, when he disposed of it. In the mean time he had invested in timber, cutting and hauling logs to his own mills for manufacture, and conducting the largest business of the kind ever attempted by one of his age in this county. In 1890 he sold out his lumber interests, and after the conflagration of 1891 purchased the corner lot situated on Main Street, upon which he erected a handsome brick building, containing the usual modern improvements. This block, which was built at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars, is a very substantial structure, eighty-eight feet on South Main by one hundred and seventy-two on East Main Street.

On June 2, 1886, Mr. Mann married Miss

Sarah E. Cardany, daughter of Joseph B. Cardany, of Athol, her father, who was a successful furniture dealer, being now deceased. They have two children: Gertrude E., who was born April 26, 1887; and Thomas S., born November 5, 1893. Mr. Mann is a member of Orange Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Crescent Chapter, and Orange Commandery, Knights Templars, and of Social Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and Mrs. Mann is a member of the Eastern Star. Mr. Mann is largely identified with the progress and development of the town, and was a liberal contributor toward securing the location of the Reynolds shoe factory at Orange. He is a Republican in politics. The family reside at 51 East Main Street.

ZIAS LONG, a substantial and well-to-do citizen of Shelburne, stands high among the industrious and progressive farmers of this section of Franklin County, of which he is a native, his birth having occurred in Shelburne, April 6, 1828. His paternal grandfather, William Long, who was among the early settlers of Shelburne, was a native of Taunton, Bristol County, Mass., where he worked at the carpenter's trade for many years. He was a soldier of the Revolution.

Coming here about 1780, he bought forty acres of land south of the centre of the town of Shelburne, of which only four acres were cleared, the remainder being a dense growth of timber, inhabited by the wily red man and wild beasts, both at times troublesome, the latter often causing great annoyance in the cornfield. Working with indomitable will and perseverance, he cleared his land, and subsequently bought more, being at one time the owner of two hundred or more acres. His

first wife, whose maiden name was Mahala Holloway, and who died at sixty-five years of age, bore him seven children, four girls and three boys. After her death he married Dolly Atwood, who lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years. Grandfather Long was a man of very vigorous physical constitution, and rounded out almost a full century, living to the remarkable age of ninety-nine years, eight months, and ten days. He was a man of sincere religious convictions and a Deacon of the Baptist church, toward the support of which he contributed liberally.

His son, William Long, Jr., was born in 1788 in Shelburne, and here resided until his death, April 27, 1871. He succeeded his parents in the ownership of the old homestead, and was a practical and prosperous farmer; and, while improving his own property, he also gave material aid in advancing the growth of the town. He added to the area of his estate till it reached the number of two hundred and fifty acres, and he became an extensive and successful agriculturist. He was likewise conspicuous in the management of town affairs, being Selectman several years, besides holding minor offices. In his earlier years he was a Whig in politics, but on the formation of the Republican party became one of its most ardent adherents. Both he and his wife, whose maiden name was Clara Dole, were members of the Baptist church of Shelburne; and they reared their family in the same faith. Seven children were born of their union, namely: Adaliza, who died at the age of fifty-one years; Henry D., who died when fifty-three years old; Clara, when a year old; Clarissa, widow of Moses A. Barnard, living in Shelburne; William H., a resident of Amherst, Mass.; Ozias, the subject of this sketch; and M. David, a resident of Chicago, Ill.

Ozias Long was reared and educated in

Shelburne, attending its public schools, and becoming practically acquainted with agricultural labors on the old homestead farm. Here he lived and labored until his marriage, when he took possession of the farm which he has since cultivated. This he bought in 1848, the original purchase consisting of ninety acres of land, partially cleared. Having bought additional land, he now owns one hundred and thirty acres. His fields are well tilled, and he has added to his place substantial improvements. The dwelling-house has been entirely repaired and enlarged; and he has put up new buildings for sheltering his stock and storing his grain, his farm ranking now among the best equipped of any in the locality. He has toiled earnestly and intelligently, and is justly deserving of the prosperity he is now enjoying, his accumulations being the result of his own efforts. Politically, Mr. Long is identified with the Republican party; and, religiously, he ranks with the liberals, while his wife is an esteemed member of the Congregational church.

Mr. Long was united in marriage October 21, 1858, to Cordelia S. Williams, who was born in Buckland, June 21, 1830, being the daughter of Ephraim and Mary (Tobey) Williams, neither of whom is living. Mr. Williams was a well-to-do farmer of that town and one of its prominent citizens, having been Selectman of Buckland for many years. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Long has been blessed by the advent of four children into their home circle—three sons and a daughter: Arthur E., now clerk in a dry-goods store in Springfield, married Mary Richardson, and has two children—Gaylord R. and Arline; William O., a farmer, lives at home; David W., a farmer and sawyer, married Maria Carpenter, and resides at Shelburne; Mary S. lives at home with her parents.

EDWARD D. HAWKES, a prosperous farmer of Rowe, was born in the town of Charlemont, December 11, 1833. He is the son of Edward D., Sr., and Plitha (Bradford) Hawkes, the former also a native of that town and a son of Samuel Hawkes, who came there from Deerfield at an early day. Grandfather Hawkes purchased a large tract of land situated upon the south side of the river, and cleared a valuable farm, which is now owned by Mr. Horton. He erected the present substantial buildings upon the place, becoming very prosperous both in agriculture and lumbering, and died in 1847, at the age of eighty-nine. He was a Whig in politics, and a man of sterling worth. His wife, who passed from earth in 1830, at the age of sixty-two years, bore the following children: Henry, Ebenezer, Samuel, Betsey, Lucretia, Louise, and Edward D.

Edward D. Hawkes, the first of the name, son of Samuel, remained with his parents, and had charge of the farm during their declining years. He erected a saw-mill upon Cold River, which flowed through the farm; and this he operated in connection with his agricultural labors, paying considerable attention to dairying interests. He and his wife, Plitha Bradford, reared seven children: Alonzo, Charlotte, Mary, Cornelia, Edward D., Augusta, and Louise.

Edward D. Hawkes, the younger, was educated in the schools of Charlemont, and was then occupied in helping his father until 1862, when he enlisted in Company B, Fifty-second Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, which was under the command of Colonel Greenleaf. He saw one year of very active service during the most exciting period of the Civil War. His regiment was attached to the Department of the Gulf, and participated in the siege of Port Hudson, besides

several engagements of lesser note. Mr. Hawkes retired from the service without incurring physical disability, and, returning home, resumed work with his father, with whom he continued until reaching the age of thirty-five years, when he purchased the Nimes farm of one hundred and sixty acres in the town of Rowe. He remodelled the buildings, made many other improvements, and has since carried on general farming and dairying, keeping a herd of fifteen choice grade Jerseys. Mr. Hawkes is a member of C. D. Sanford Post, No. 79, Grand Army of the Republic, of North Adams. He is a staunch Republican.

On December 15, 1857, Mr. Hawkes was united in marriage to Hannah E. Sears, daughter of Lyman and Anna (Pierpont) Sears. Mr. Sears was a progressive farmer of Rowe, who sold his property here, and moved to Canaseraga, N.Y., later settling in Albion, Pa., where he died in 1887, aged sixty-eight years. His wife died in 1894, at the age of seventy-two years. During his residence in

Rowe he served as a Selectman. He was a Deacon in the Baptist church, and was superintendent of the Sunday-school for a period of twenty years. His other children were: George, Henry, Nancy E., Eliza A., and Alice E. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hawkes were Enoch and Ruth (Vincent) Sears, the former of whom, after following the sea for twenty years, settled first at Colerain, and finally at Rowe, where both he and his wife reached a ripe old age. Their children were: Barzillai, Enos, Wilson, Lyman, and Sally.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawkes have five children, namely: Alta, born June 5, 1869, now the wife of Charles Mathews, and residing in Westfield, Mass.; Clifford, born February 15, 1871, a mechanic at Fitchburg; Arthur, born December 15, 1873, a farmer at Montague; Anna, born May 17, 1875, a milliner of Worcester, Mass; and Edward, born October 8, 1880, who resides at home. Mrs. Hawkes is a member of the Baptist church.

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